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American Tank Attack In Italy

The whole Italian front is on the move, except in the high mountain sector in the centre, according to latest reports.

A German News Agency message states that Anglo-American forces have attacked in full strength from the Anzio beachhead and on the southern front, and that the German line has been shortened.

The German withdrawal to a new and shortened line at the northern end of the Netuno bridgehead was reported from Berlin last night, and it must be ascribed to a powerful American tank attack, in which with a full United States tank brigade being used for the first time, seventy tanks went into action south-east of Ardea, which is eleven miles north of Anzio, states Reuter's correspondent.

At the western edge of the bridgehead Americans, attacking along a 7½ miles front, have advanced as far as Cisterna, on the Appian Way, 25 miles south of Rome. This means that the Allied forces have crossed the Rome-Capua railway, which passes Cisterna about 1½ miles to the west, and puts the line roughly 14 miles inland from Anzio.

The Germans are using a five-miles stretch of the embankment of the Rome-Capua railway line as the backbone of their fixed defences.

Most serious threat yet to the Gustav line, 60 miles south-east, comes from the Americans, who, on Sunday, broke through the German defences about 2 miles north of Cassino. This success was won after three days of most savage fighting across the Rapido River, and despite the diversion of the river, which flooded the American supply lines.

Tanks brought across the Rapido joined in the attack, blasting out pill-boxes, crushing machine-gun nests, and forcing a path for the infantry through layers of barbed wire entanglements. Bitter fighting continues as the Americans complete the mopping-up of the villages of Cairo and Montevilla—the latter two miles above Cassino on the Terelle road. They are also clearing-up a large barracks near Montevilla, which has been used as a German strongpoint.

Other hills still separate the Americans from Cassino, but the town—still strongly held and under heavy artillery fire—now faces a threat from the north, which increases hourly.

Further north the Germans still hold Monte Croce, at the top of the Fifth Army front. French troops are consolidating the three hills west of Belvedere, and are maintaining constant mountain patrols.

The British bridgehead over the Garigliano is being pushed steadily into the Aurunci mountains. British troops now occupy high ground practically all round Castelforte. Local advances have also been made in the Minturno area.

Artillery duels and patrolling continue on the 8th Army front, where Empire troops inflicted casualties in a clash near Orsieli.

In the air battle the Allies gained their greatest victory of the Italian campaign—63 'planes destroyed for the loss of 6 within 24 hours.

It was scored mainly in attacks on airfields in north-east Italy which the Germans use as refuelling stations for 'planes coming from the Balkans to attack the bridgehead.

Thunderbolts clearing a path for Flying Fortresses which attacked Villorba, 25 miles north of Venice, met an assortment of 50 German fighters and shot down 36 of them. By the time the Fortresses arrived over the target the air was almost cleared. Only eight fighters attempted to intercept and two were destroyed.

The other major victory occurred at noon as Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by Lightnings and Thunderbolts, arrived over Udine airfield, 35 miles north-west of Trieste. Fourteen of a force of 35 attacking German fighters were shot down. Eleven of the remaining 13 Luftwaffe 'planes destroyed were from a flight of Junkers troop carriers which was intercepted and almost annihilated.

A United States submarine.

MARSHALL ISLANDS INVASION PORTENT

THE portent of invasion hung heavily over the Japanese-held Marshall Islands yesterday, after terrific bombardment by the American sea and air armada, and Tokyo Radio reported that United States ground forces had already struck.

Complete radio silence by the American ships cloaked the actual progress of the reported attack, which embraced probably the greatest concentration of combat vessels in naval warfare.

"Fierce fighting" in the mandated islands was reported by Tokyo Radio, which said that Japanese "army and navy units intercepted powerful enemy units" which had been attacking the Marshalls.

According to the German Radio, Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo say that violent fighting broke out between Japanese and Allied naval forces, when the latter attempted to attack the Marshall Islands on January 30th.

American Army and Navy bombers, supporting attacks by carrier-based 'planes on the Marshalls, dropped 76 tons of bombs on the islands on January 29th and 30th, says the United States Navy Department.

Authoritative quarters in Washington last night admitted that it was more than possible that a test of the United States' Navy strength was now in progress off the Marshall Islands. United States aircraft carrier tasks forces are bombarding four of the islands—the most easterly of Japan's Central Pacific nests of bases.

Speculation, says a Washington despatch, centred on whether American troops had landed or were preparing to land on the Marshalls, under the cover of a large-scale naval assault.

United States submarines have sunk fourteen more Japanese vessels in the Pacific and Far East, the United States Navy Department announced in Washington yesterday.

The ships were two large and one medium transport, a tanker, a naval auxiliary, one medium cargo ship and seven medium and one small freighter.

It is believed in Washington that the three transports may have been loaded with Japanese troops on their way to defend the Marshalls. —(Reuter and A.P.)

Patrick Gilnea, The Ward, competing in the County Dublin Ploughing Championship at Fosterstown, Cloughran, yesterday.

Pointers from Anzio Landing

By Our Military Correspondent.

A WEEK after the latest Allied landing at Anzio-Nettuno there is little change in the situation in Italy. Why is this—seeing that each of the adversaries would benefit by the most prompt and vigorous action?

General Alexander, having scored an initial surprise, would do well to march on Rome if he were able. Field-Marshal Kesselring, on the other hand, should endeavour to throw the Allies back into the sea before they could reinforce. But the business is not quite so simple as that for either one or the other.

The supposition of a third army, of course, fully warrants caution on the defenders' part. Not having been able to prevent the initial landing, it was essential for him not to be entirely committed in the eventuality of still others. For others there would have to be, in order to secure the additional port facilities required by a force of army size. Even apart from the possibility of a third army being put in, the difficulty of an improvised counter-attack on a sufficiently big scale should be borne in mind. Delaying action might well be more advantageous under the conditions obtaining in Italy, the Alban Hills—15 miles north of Anzio—constituting a useful flanking position for action of that kind.

The effect of the landing on the other Italian fronts has not yet appeared—though it may be in operation. For a long time the Eighth Army front has been quiescent. This Adriatic sector never afforded the Allies grounds for hope of a really important advance, and it may well be that both sides have been quietly withdrawing units from it for employment elsewhere. The Fifth Army on the Garigliano has maintained a steady pressure all the time; and, as for the German, there is not, as yet, any sign of an intention to abandon their strong defensive lines in its front. The main routes southward from Rome pass inland, in rear of the Alban Hills, and there is no immediate threat to these.

Two Thousand Black Market Convictions

SHOPKEEPERS have been having a hard time.

Apart from shoals of Emergency Powers Orders, quota restrictions, rationing regulations and trade union rules, most of them carrying a high "labour content," Irish traders constantly have had to be on the alert against price mistakes, missing coupons, unauthorised sales by members of their staffs, and the almost constant attention of Department of Supplies inspectors, ever watchful for the lapse that would land the vendor in the Courts.

About 100 more of these inspectors have been enforcing emergency regulations during the last year, and the extent to which human nature was unable to resist the attractions of black market dealings is reflected in the fact that the number of cases brought by the Department and decided in the Courts totalled 2,572, a relatively small number considering the difficulties of the times. It is, however, significant, that as many as 2,177 convictions were obtained, and severe penalties, including imprisonment, were imposed in a large number of cases.

In 1941 the number of prosecutions was 409, and in 1942 it increased to 1,299, with convictions in 265, and 1,154 cases respectively. The marked advance in the number of prosecutions in the last twelve months coincides with the rapid expansion of restrictions and a more intensive official supervision.

New Ration Books

The new ration period will begin in June next, when a fresh distribution of books, on the basis of the recently taken census, will be made. The books are being prepared by the staff of Hospitals' Trust, Ltd., who have undertaken a contract with the Government for this work, and extra clerks, who are given temporary employment at the rush period of each sweep, will find a period of constant employment as a result.

Dublin's Unemployment Problem

SUGGESTIONS for dealing with the problem of unemployment after the war were made by Mr. P. Somerville Large, when he spoke last night at a meeting of the men's society of St. Bartholomew's parish. It was decided to write to the Archbishop of Dublin asking him to summon a conference of clergy and laity of the diocese to consider the conditions prevailing in the city in regard to poverty and unemployment.

"Giving to able-bodied men is not charity," Mr. Somerville Large said, "it is bad for both giver and recipient." The co-ordination of all charitable effort was strongly advocated.

The post-war unemployment position would be governed by such problems as the return of a proportion of emigrants. These people would be accustomed to a higher standard of living, which there would be no hope of maintaining as unskilled workers in this country. Raw materials presented another problem, and it would be a long time before a normal housing programme could be started.

"Our main prosperity will depend principally upon our terms with our neighbours," he added. "If we co-operate the chances are that our prosperity will increase."

Mr. Manning Robertson, who presided, spoke on the slum problem, the solution of which, he said, was the decentralisation of city populations. "The City of Cork is as large as any provincial town ought to be," he said.

Miss H. Chenevix said that one of the most urgent problems was that brought about by the present high standard of living. The abnormal increase meant that wage earners, with incomes of £3 to £4 per week, were unable to provide even the necessities of life if their families were large.

Defence Conference

The Farmers' Party in the Dail has now been given representation on the Defence Conference. The representatives are Mr. M. Donnellan, T.D. (chairman) and Mr. P. Cogan, T.D.

RUSSIANS REACH LAST TOWN BEFORE ESTONIA

RUSSIAN forces have reached the suburbs of Kingisepp—last town before the Estonian border—and have crossed the river Luga at several points, according to last night's official communiqué from Moscow.

Reuter's Special Correspondent states that the Germans, withdrawing into Kingisepp, are now faced with the prospect of encirclement unless they are prepared to abandon their heavy equipment.

The communiqué stated: "Our troops, in the course of fierce fighting, reached the outskirts of the town of Kingisepp and engaged the enemy in the suburbs, while S.-W. and south of Siverski a number of inhabited localities were captured. Sixty places were taken N.-W. and west of Volosovo, and the river Luga was crossed at a number of points.

"Previously surrounded enemy garrisons in the inhabited localities of Rozhestvenno and Ostrov have been wiped out. South-west and south of Lyuban our troops, negotiating fortifications on forest roads, made a fighting advance and occupied several inhabited localities. West and south-west of Novgorod our troops continued their offensive, in the course of which they captured over 40 inhabited localities. North-west and west of Novo Sokolniki our troops overcoming enemy resistance occupied several inhabited localities.

"Yesterday, on all fronts, our troops disabled or destroyed 98 German tanks. Forty-four enemy aircraft were shot down."

The next German line after Kingisepp, states Reuter's Special Correspondent, will probably be along the northern course of the Luga, which forms the Estonian boundary at one point, five miles from Narva. In sectors where the Germans are still fighting their position has been fundamentally weakened by the loss of rail junctions, such as Weimarn and Kotly, and their positions on the Luga river.

The Red Army, farther south-east, has reduced the Luga gap to 50 miles, and this brings the retiring Germans between Volosovo and Novgorod face to face with disaster. They are trying to fight back in a bid to form a defensive arc north-east and south of the city of Luga.

Both south of Volosovo and west of Novgorod the encirclement threat is still making progress. But in the latter sector the Germans have pushed in considerable reserves in the past 24 hours and are making stubborn efforts to hold new lines.

West of Lyuban the Russians have crossed the Novgorod-Leningrad railway at several points.

More than 250 miles south of Leningrad General Popov is keeping up the drive west of Novo-Sokolniki in the face of stubborn resistance.

NEW ATTACKS

New Red Army attacks along the Vitebsk-Nevel sectors — General Bagramyan's "First Baltic" Army Group—were reported by Colonel von Hammer, the Berlin commentator, last night. "The Russians have resumed their encirclement attempts against Vitebsk from the north-west of the town. No details are yet available about the scale and course of the fighting. A mass attack by Soviet rifle formations, supported by tanks and battle 'planes, north of Nevel against a German bolt position achieved a breach, but after violent close fighting the breach was cleared by local German reserves.

"On the northern front the Soviets continued their large-scale attacks, trying repeatedly to cut off the retreat of German formations by outflanking pursuit movements by their motorised and armoured shock formations. West of Novgorod the bulk of the German forces took up new positions, while during the manœuvre a screen of infantry and artillery successfully held fourteen attacks by far superior Russian troops."

Later Von Hammer said that on the southern front, west of Zaporozhe and south-west of Dnepropetrovsk, the Russians launched surprise attacks, and succeeded in over-running the forward German lines. "They were checked further back in the German defence zone by local reserves." He added that south-west of Cherkassy and south-east of Byelaya Tserkov the Russians repeated their envelopping attempts with several rifle divisions and strong tank forces. "They were foiled partly by counter-attacks and partly by evasive action and a shortening of the German lines."

Clothes Ration Change Unlikely

FOLLOWING an examination of the supply position by the Department of Supplies, the most that can be hoped for is a maintenance of the present clothing ration till May 31st next.

It is intended to undertake a further detailed review of the position well in advance of the end of the rationing period in order to fix coupon values for the new year, beginning on June 1st, and although it is premature to speculate on changes, it is extremely unlikely, in view of the supply prospects, that there will be any easement in the coupon values. Apart from the fact that more coupons are required this year for particular articles of clothing, the value of the ration has further been reduced by the increase in the number of coupons to be surrendered for footwear.

Modifications in the British clothing regulations have led to the erroneous impression here that the restrictions which imposed the severely austere utility suit largely have been removed. The utility suit actually remains, and recent references to a fresh issue of coupons in the United Kingdom did not imply an increase in the ration.

Mr. MacEntee's Hope of Independence

Speaking at a reunion of Fianna Fail election workers in the Mansion House, Dublin, last night, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mr. Sean MacEntee, said that no matter how peaceful or prosperous was the country it was no substitute for the free and independent Ireland which he hoped—with wise statesmanship and leadership—would be achieved before most of those present had passed away.

Presentations were made to the Minister and Mrs. MacEntee.

Hoare Sees Franco

Sir Samuel Hoare saw General Franco at the week-end, and, in the course of discussions, outstanding questions between Britain and Spain were fully covered, the Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent states.

It is understood in London that this interview was arranged a week or so ago.

The interview took place in Madrid last Friday, when on British initiative, the United States Government announced its decision to suspend shipments of oil from the Caribbean area to Spain.

The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London, arrived in Madrid by air from Lisbon yesterday.—(Reuter.)

No Delegate From Eire at World T.U.C.

THE neutral status, combined with the present uncertain position in trades union affairs, is believed to have contributed to the inability of the Irish Trade Union Congress to accept an invitation to be represented at the World Trade Union Congress in London in June next. The decision has been taken by the National Executive of the Congress.

It has been explained by the General Council of the British Trades Union Congress, which issued the invitation, that the Conference would be representative of "the organised workers of all countries, with the object of considering the most pressing problems, both of policy and organisation, affecting the interests of the working people, and thereby of promoting the widest possible unity in aim and action by the International trade union movement, but that it would be purely exploratory and consultative in character."

The Conference will be held in two parts, the first, dealing with central trade union organisations of belligerent States, to consider the furtherance of the war effort and the attitude towards the anticipated peace settlement; and the second section, dealing with organisations of both neutral and belligerent countries, to consider relief and rehabilitation, and problems of post-war reconstruction.

Among the 37 countries invited are Belgium, France, Poland, U.S.S.R., Australia, New Zealand, United States, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Eire.

Third Heavy Raid On Berlin

FOR the third night out of four, Berlin was bombed on Sunday night by what is officially called "a very strong force" of Bomber Command. It is believed, the Press Association says, that 1,500 tons of bombs were dropped.

The British Air Ministry report stated:—"On Sunday night a very strong force of aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Berlin. The bombing was concentrated and Mosquito crews, who attacked after the main force had left, saw the glow of large conflagrations, with smoke rising to a great height.

"Other aircraft attacked objectives in Central and Western Germany, and mines were laid in enemy waters.

"Intruder aircraft on patrol destroyed two enemy aircraft. Thirty-three of our aircraft are missing."

Sunday night's bomb load on Berlin, says the British Air Ministry News Service, brought the tonnage on Berlin in the last three attacks to well over 5,000 tons. The weather was slightly more favourable for the defence than in the last two attacks. Although there were thick clouds up to over 10,000 feet, visibility above was good.

There were encounters on the way out and home. Out of a total of sixteen combats, thirteen took place over the city. Some of the fighters flew alone, but many were in formation. It was a typical, swift saturation attack — all over in twenty-five minutes.

HUGE BOMB LOADS

"Heavy bombers of the United States Strategic Air Forces, striking both from England and Italy, dropped more than 3,900 tons (American) of bombs on the German war machine during the 48-hour period ending Sunday," says United States Headquarters in London.

"From the two days' operations, which on Sunday alone involved more than 1,700 United States 'planes, 54 bombers and 21 fighters are missing. In aerial battles 255 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 131 by our fighters and the remainder by the bomber crews. The number of enemy 'planes destroyed on the ground in Italy was larger than the total number of bombers lost in both days' operations."

[Note.—The American ton referred to is 2,000 pounds, against a British ton of 2,240 pounds.]

Liberators of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, escorted by A.A.F. Thunderbolts, attacked military objectives in the Pas de Calais area yesterday.—(P.A.).

A later report by United States Military Headquarters and the British Air Ministry said:—

"Thunderbolts, supported by Lightnings, bombed the enemy airfield at Gilze-Rijen in Holland. Aggressive fighter opposition was encountered and thirteen enemy 'planes were destroyed.

"Small numbers of R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over Northern and Western France. From these operations nine fighters are missing."

Smaller Exports of Rabbits

Because rabbit trappers refuse to kill the geese that lay the "golden eggs," the export of rabbits from this country during the present season are much lower than those of three years ago, when they were valued at approximately a million pounds.

At the rate of 2s. 6d. each, the trapper reckons that, instead of taking dozens daily 'and depleting his stocks, a much better method is to take two or three dozen per week steadily, which will bring him in a well maintained and moderately good income.

Incidentally, the stage has been reached where the pelt of the animal has become as valuable almost as its meat. Skins now are paid for at the rate of 1s. 2d. each.

Service Chiefs Sentenced

FOUR Italian generals and three Admirals, accused of having laid down their arms, have been sentenced by a special Italian tribunal, said the German News Agency last night.

No details were given.

Three other generals and two admirals escaped before they could be arrested, the agency said.

Among those charged, states Reuter's message, were Generals Gariboldi, C.-in-C. Italian forces in North Africa; Roboti, commanding the Second Italian Army in Sicily, and Vercellino, C.-in-C. Italian Army in France, and Admirals Campione, charged with surrendering the island of Thodos; Mascherpa, "surrendering Lerce"; Caversi, "surrendering Pantelleria," and Leonardo, for not defending the harbour of Augusto — "thus opening the gate of Italy to the Allies."

Facts About a New Drug

Some interesting facts about the new drug, penicillin, were given by Mr. F. W. Gillespie, B.A., in a paper read before the Dublin University Biological Association last night.

Penicillin is a mould, at present formed by an inconveniently long natural process, but experiments are being made in America to create it synthetically. The mould is a mortal enemy of most kinds of bacteria, at the same time being quite harmless to human tissue in whatever quantity it may be administered. Unfortunately, it is highly unstable, and is destroyed by alkalis and acids even in weak concentrations.

It is difficult, for instance, to give penicillin by the mouth, because it is destroyed by the gastric juices. In the case of open wounds penicillin has had splendid results, as used in the present war, but here again the difficulty is to maintain it at the seat of infection in its full strength. Where penicillin is injected it is quickly passed from the human system. But these disadvantages are largely out-weighed by the drug's voracious appetite for bacteria.

At the moment penicillin is scarce, most of it being used for war purposes, and its cost is high. Treatment in one case alone has been estimated to cost £700. None, so far, has been produced in this country.

Seed Oats Supply Warning

Owing to the relatively small quantities of seed oats offered for sale by growers, only limited stocks are held by seed merchants, according to a statement from the Minister for Agriculture. This source of supply cannot, therefore, be depended on. It is assumed that most farmers have reserved their own seed.

Reports of an "agreement" by the Communist parties of Bulgaria and Greece to form a "Balkan Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" was characterised by *Pravda* yesterday as a "German invention" spread by "loafing nitwits" in Cairo.—(A.P.)

Finland's Example to Ireland

During the depression of the 1930s, when Finland's chief foreign customers for paper and pulp had cut their orders drastically, Finland had been hit very hard. But no country got out of the depression more quickly, said Dr. A. Klingstedt, manager of the Clondalkin Paper Mills, at a meeting of the Insurance Institute of Ireland, in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, last night.

That result was achieved by bringing industry to the peak of efficiency. The unemployment situation was met by providing productive work, such as road construction and forest amelioration. The success of Finnish industry also owed much to the system of paying high wages to skilled workers and to co-operative organisation in selling their products.

Referring to the paper industry in Ireland, Dr. Klingstedt said that 60 p.c. of the material used at Clondalkin consisted of straw. They used straw because, in re-pulping waste paper, 10 p.c. to 15 p.c. of the fibre was lost and considerable quantities of fresh fibre had to be produced. Proper straw boilers had not been available, so they had to reconstruct second-hand Lancashire steam boilers for their purposes. They had also used considerable quantities of rags in the manufacture of paper for cement sacks and other purposes.

Wants Collaboration With All Nations

Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, speaking in the Canadian House of Commons last night, said that the Canadian Government did not intend to be interrupted by a general election in war-time. He desired to remain Prime Minister until the war was won.

Mr. King said that he favoured neither the proposal of General Smuts nor that of Lord Halifax for the British Empire to form a solid group of nations; he favoured collaboration with all nations seeking peace. Canada looked for "close collaboration," not only inside the British Commonwealth, but amongst all nations, great and small.

He could not attempt to interpret Lord Halifax's views expressed in his Toronto speech. "I think he was speaking only for himself. I have been informed he was not making any pronouncement on behalf of the British Government."—(Reuter.)

Sforza Attacks King of Italy

COUNT CARLO SFORZA, delivering the concluding speech at the Congress of political parties at Bari, denounced King Victor Emmanuel.

The demand for the King's abdication was also pressed by Signor Benedetto Croce, whose personal following constituted the core of the Liberals represented at the Congress.

A resolution unanimously demanded the abdication of the King and favoured the formation of a Government with full powers for the present emergency.

The resolution declared that the Congress was the sole true expression of the Italian people's national will and strength.

The task of the proposed Government would be "to intensify to the utmost Italy's war effort, and promote a solution of most urgent problems of national life with the support of the masses."

Immediately peace was restored it must convoke "a constituent assembly under guarantees of liberty and impartiality."

The Congress formed a permanent executive committee with the task of "co-operating in the meantime with the Central Committee in Rome and with political personalities recognised as the principal champions against Fascism."

The members elected to the committee were:—Liberals — Professor Arangio Ruib; Christian Democrats —Raffaele Iervolino; Communists—Paolo Tedeschi; Party of Action—Vincenzo Calace; Labour Democrat — Francesco Cerabuon. The Socialists deferred the choice of their representative.

Rome radio, quoting neutral reports, said that at the end of the Bari conference King Victor Emanuel received Marshal Badoglio to discuss the Bari decision demanding his abdication. —(A.P.)

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Stylish Coursing By Barba a Charm

By MASTER McGRATH.

AFTER a slow beginning at Old Carton, Maynooth, yesterday morning, the beaters gained the upper hand. The land of Messrs. Bruten was so well stocked that the twenty-four courses in the first two rounds of the Clarke Cup were run off expeditiously from three beats into Mrs. Flynn's big field, so that we had not to do any walking. The meeting will be concluded to-day, when we meet again at Old Carton, at 10 o'clock.

It was very fine coursing, with, as usual in the open country, many heavy, rousing courses, and others not quite so severe. An open stake, if ever there was one, Baytown Crocus, successful track dog owned by Mr. P. Barry, and Brownlow House, also a distinguished performer on Dublin and Belfast race tracks, nominated by Mr. Thomas Ahern, were best supported in what little long-odds betting there was. Both got off comparatively light, and, as they are in either half of the card, the chances of their reaching the last round are promising. It, however, should be a close thing this morning between Brownlow House and the Fenagh dog. Full Jubilee; but the handicap is all against Full Jubilee, who had a punishing single-handed bye in the first round, Darcy McGee being absent.

Marshall Kildare did not put much fire into either of his courses, and may find one too many for him in Gusto, who ran his courses with speed and skill. Nor is Moving Daisy out of it. He had a heavy first course against Fairyville Boy, and then summarily disposed of the speedy, but gruelled, Glengariff leading a few lengths and placing the loser for the kill. He may get a bye this morning from the hard-run Badly Bitten, who brought off a 6 to 1 chance by raising the flag over Fineland, although he did not appear to be doing much after losing the turn.

Barbara's Charm ran two slick courses, and relished her work behind the strong, breaking hares. She, in fact, was about the most polished runner of the hares slipped, and could, if she did not get too much of it, win the Cup.

THE CLARKE CUP—For 32 all-ages. Winner, £100; second, £30; two, £8, four, £4.

Brownlow House (1 l.) beat Hilarious Girlie; Inler Like (1 l.) beat Meddlesome Joe; Full Jubilee a bye, Darcy McGee absent; Vesington Swallow beat Joyful Admiral (fell in run-up); Sole Survivor (3 l.) beat Brown Belt; Gusto (3 l.) beat Ringfield Rover; Lobo Trail (strong favour) beat Big Game; Marshall Kildare (3 l., favour) beat Swift Brigade; Glengariffe a bye, Meddlesome Nigger absent; Moving Daisy (just up) beat Fairyville Boy; Badly Bitten (3 l.) beat Bomb Fire; Fineland (unsighted) beat Dutch Warrior; Kilbannon a bye, Hit the Breeze absent; Barbara's Charm (4 l.) beat Rose in a Jug; Miss Slanemore (2 l.) beat Count's Abbey; Baytown Crocus (1 l.) beat Rattling Bright.

Second Round.—Brownlow House (3 l.) beat Inler Like; Full Jubilee (1 l.) beat Vesington Swallow; Gusto (1 l.) beat Sole Survivor; Marshall Kildare (3 l.) beat Lobo Trail, Moving Daisy (3 l.) beat Glengariffe; Badly Bitten beat Fineland (3 l.); Barbara's Charm beat Kilbannon (just up, favour); Baytown Crocus (2 l.) beat Miss Slanemore.

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Rugby Cup Draw

THE draw for the Leinster Senior Rugby Cup is as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

March 17—Bective v. Lansdowne.
March 17—Old Belvedere v. Dublin University.
March 18—Monkstown v. Curragh Command.
March 18—Palmerston v. U.C.D.
March 25—Blackrock College v. Old Wesley.

Byes at top—April 1st—Wanderers v. Bective or Lansdowne. At Bottom—April 1st—St. Mary's v. Clontarf. Other second round matches will be played on succeeding Saturdays.

Taking the bold step of forecasting first round results (writes our Rugby Football Correspondent) for the sake of clarity the second round may be read as follows:—Wanderers v. Lansdowne; Old Belvedere v. Monkstown; Palmerston v. Blackrock College; St. Mary's v. Clontarf. In the semi-finals, therefore, Wanderers or Lansdowne would meet Old Belvedere or Monkstown, and Palmerston or Blackrock would oppose St. Mary's or Clontarf.

With club form so level this season, my forecasts may be completely upset, but, as usual, the draw is rather lop-sided, for the majority of the sides with the best records throughout the season are in the top half. Here there should be the keenest of competition, but in the lower half it appears highly probable that the winner of the St. Mary's-Clontarf tie will go through to the final.

Possibly two of the most attractive matches of the whole competition will take place on the opening afternoon—St. Patrick's Day—when Bective meet Lansdowne, followed by Dublin University against the holders for the last four years, Old Belvedere. There were hopes that this season the Leinster Branch would depart from their time-honoured method of making the draw from first round to final, and that instead there would be a re-draw for each round, but apparently conservative counsels prevailed, and the usual plan has been adhered to.

SCHOOLS' CUP

MOUNTJOY ... 18
C.B.S., DUN LAOGHAIRE ... 0

Mountjoy deserved their win by three goals and a try to nil over C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire, in the replay of the Schools' Junior Cup match at Donnybrook yesterday. Superior both back and forward, they were further facilitated by the buck-kicking policy of the C.B.S. backs. Nevertheless Dun Laoghaire were rather unlucky not to score on a few occasions, although the issue was never in doubt right from the start.

Nicholson scored an unconverted try in the first half; and, after the interval, tries were scored by Stuart, Larkin and Griffin, all three being converted by Meredith.

To-day.—Schools' Junior Cup—At Donnybrook—C.U.S. v. King's Hospital, 3.15; Wesley v. High School, 4.30.

CONNAUGHT TEAM

The following team have been selected to represent Connaught against Leinster at Lansdowne road on Saturday next:—B. Egan (U.C.G.); T. Ryan (Corinthians), J. Corcoran (Corinthians), M. MacLaverty (Corinthians), E. Cogavin (U.C.G.); F. Flattery (Corinthians), E. Molloy (Corinthians); Lieut. J. Murphy (Corinthians and Army), B. Donoghue (Corinthians), M. Holland (Galwegians), J. Joyce (Galwegians), P. Joyce (U.C.G.), P. J. Horan (Lansdowne and U.C.G.), M. Flynn (U.C.G.), Lieut. P. Sweeney (Corinthians and Army).

CASTLE PARK STABLE

BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT

Several horses that already have won races remain in training with W. J. Byrne, at Castle Park, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, including Exile Warrior and Coromyth. Last season Mr. Byrne won eleven races with eight horses, and his prospects of doing even better this year are bright.

The seven two-year-olds are racing-like. Mr. Frame has named his Rosewell and Pay Up colt Bray Well and Pay Book respectively. The filly by Coup de Lyon was bought as a yearling for 700 gns., and the Montrose filly from Rahilla at 300 gns. Both are likely to prove good bargains.

H. Holmes will be stable jockey, and there are two very promising apprentices, P. Norris and T. Lynch. The horses in training at Castle Park are:—

Halcot, b. g., a, by Cottage—Peggy O'Halloran.
Bray Glen, b. g., a, by Pinxit—Pulchra.
Procea, b. m., a, by Le Prodige—Willing Response.
Wicklow East, br. g., 6 yrs., by Aftab—Happy and Joyous.
Exile Warrior, b. g., 6 yrs., by Greek Bachelor—Royalty.
Coromyth, b. c., 5 yrs., by Coronach—Diomyth.
Rovi, b. g., 5 yrs., by Tiberius—Wedding March.
Donizetti, b. c., 4 yrs., by Trimdon—Madrigal.
Fair Cliff, b. g., 4 yrs., by Fairhaven—Outlet.
Fan-go-Foil, b. g., 4 yrs., by Tai Yang—Nirvana.
Castle Park, br. g., 4 yrs., by Bold Archer—Forsythia.
Bl. g., by Pickpocket—Miss Otis.
Trimeter, b. f., 3 yrs., by Trimdon—La Cenerentola.
Rose Glen, 3 yrs., by Rosewell—Glenart.
Sordina, b. c., 3 yrs., by Gold Bridge—Spinet.

Two-year-olds.

Ch f., by Coup de Lyon—Painter's Song.
B. f., by Montrose—Rahilla.
B. f., by Knight's Caprice—Ronah.
B. f., by Landscape Hill—Wheretore.
B. f., by Pappageno II—Talaria.
Bray Well, br. c., by Rosewell—Bray Beauty.
Pay Book, br. c., by Pay Up—Nymph II.

Owners—Mrs. D. D. Frame, Mrs. J. J. Mangan, Mrs. W. J. Byrne, Major G. F. Reid, Messrs. D. Frame, E. R. Purdon, Martin Stewart, J. Joyce Counihan, R. Thompson, G. N. Bennett, V. Smith.

Jockeys—H. Holmes. Apprentices—P. Norris, T. Lynch.

EAST COAST REGATTAS

The following dates have been fixed for the East Coast yachting regattas:—May 27th—Irish Cruising Club Race; June 17th—Maritime Institute Dun Laoghaire; July 1st—Howth-Lambay races; July 29th—Skerries; August 7th—Wicklow; August 12th—Howth; August 26th—Clontarf; August 27th—Dalkey. The Sutton Dinghy Club "At Home" will be held on May 29th or September 9th.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Milltown. — Ladies—To-day: Medal, bogey, second 9 holes; players to start by 3 o'c.

Killiney. — Ladies—Friday: Sweep, 9 holes, strokes; draws 10.15, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0. Sweep—I: Miss Wall (8½), 40½; II: Miss N. Dalton (14½), 43½. I.L.G.U. silver spoon—Miss E. Joyce, 217.

KILDARE HOUNDS

Meeting at Dunlavin in very bad weather, we were fortunate to bring off a good day's sport. Copelands was blank, but hounds found immediately in Tynte Park and ran nearly to Glenduff, but swung right-handed, crossed the avenue at Beechhill, went over Turnant Hill, across the Dunlavin road, and ran a big ring into and through Copelands, but lost a couple of fields farther on. This was a fast hunt of 55 minutes. A fox from Glenduff gave us a nice ring over Whitestown, and, turning near Raheen, ran past Tynte Park back to Glenduff, where he got in. Scent was good all day.

From the meet at Rathcoole on Saturday last we had a most disappointing day.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-day.—North Kilkenny, Lowhill, 11.30 a.m. (old time); Scarteen, Caherconlish, 12 noon; Ward Union, Dunboyne, 1.30 p.m.; Ormond, Pike of Rathcabbin, 12 noon; Kildare, Mullaghmast Cross-roads 11.30 a.m.; Kilkenny, Mullinavat East, 11.30 a.m.; Fingal, VIIth Milestone, 1.0 p.m.; Newry, McGaffin's Corner, 12.30 p.m.; Waterford, Ballydurn, 11.30 a.m.; Duhallow, Longueville, 11.30 a.m.; Carlow, Milford, 12 noon; Wicklow, Kish Bridge, 12 noon; Co. Longford, Moydow, 1.0 p.m.; South Union, Ballinhassig, 11.30 a.m.; North Mayo, Rosserk, 12.30; United Hunt, Whitechurch, 11.30; Co. Down, outlier.

To-morrow.—Co. Clare, Hunt Ball, Queen's Hotel; Meath, meet cancelled; Mid-Antrim, Caugherty, 12.30 p.m.; Duhallow, Kildorrery Races, 11.30 a.m.; Strabane, Ardstraw, 1.0 p.m.; Meath, Brierley, 11.30 a.m.; Bray, Newtownmountkennedy, 1.30 p.m.; Naas, The Red House; South Westmeath, Pike Cross, 12 noon; Wexford, Taghmon, 12 noon.

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CLUB'S HEAVY HOCKEY TASK

By P. D. MacWeeney.

UNLESS Y.M.C.A. can provide them with some relief in the shape of Cup defeats in the near future, the Leinster Branch of the Irish Hockey Union again will be in a tangle of fixtures in the closing weeks of the season. At the moment, Y.M.C.A. are in the second round of the Mills Cup, the Leinster section final of the Irish Cup, and are in arrears with their League programme.

Next Saturday they meet Portrane in the second round of the Mills Cup; on Saturday week they will oppose either Three Rock Rovers or Dublin University in the Leinster section final of the Irish Cup. Interprovincials will make Saturday, 19th, a closed date, and, if Y.M.C.A. win the Leinster section of the Irish Cup, they must play an all-Ireland semi-final on March 4th. It is only reasonable to assume that they will have a good chance of winning both the Irish and Mills Cups, and in that case there are not sufficient Saturdays remaining before the beginning of May to allow of them completing a programme of six Cup ties and eight League games, leaving out all possibilities of drawn matches and blank Saturdays through bad weather. In having to do so much, I would not be at all surprised to see them fail to secure any of the season's awards; it would require a team of supermen to stand up to such a schedule.

With such a severe programme facing Y.M.C.A., Pembroke Wanderers would seem to have a fine opportunity of regaining the League title, which they last won two seasons ago after a play-off with Three Rock Rovers. At the moment they are level at the top with Rovers, each having five more matches to play, but recent form, following the departure of T. N. Strong, has not enhanced Rovers' prospects of success. Portrane lost their chance of taking the lead by their home defeat at the hands of Trinity on Saturday, and it seems unlikely now that they will retain their title.

ROVERS' VICTORY

THREE ROCK R. 3 QUEEN'S U. ... 0

Below full strength, Queen's University lost the first match of their Dublin tour, against Three Rock Rovers, at Londonbridge road, yesterday. After a level first half, Rovers were well on top in the second, and Jagg, Cavanagh and Hanson scored.

To-day.—Dublin University v. Queen's University, Londonbridge road, 4.0. Schools' Cup—Senior: Avoca v. St. Patrick's, 2.30; Junior: St. Columba's v. Kingstown, 3.45—both at College Park.

Leinster Branch I.H.U.—Branch council meeting at Jury's Hotel to-morrow at 7 o'clock.

DEATH OF FAMOUS IRISH BOXER

One of Ireland's best men in the great days of amateur heavy-weight boxing here, Garda Andrew Sharkey, died in a Dublin hospital last Saturday. Although he never won a national championship, being a contemporary of Jim O'Driscoll and Matt Flanagan, who shared the title between them for eight successive years, Sharkey appeared on several international teams, and accomplished his outstanding performance at Ballyhaunis in 1932, when he knocked out G. Ramek, champion of Germany. A couple of nights previously, in Dublin, Ramek, who weighed over 19 stone, had knocked out Flanagan, the reigning Irish champion, in the sixth round of a memorable battle.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER.

In a second round match of the Irish amateur billiards championship at the O'Connell Hall last night, R. Taylor (Belfast) beat C. Clancy (Dublin) 500-482. The best breaks were 49, 47 and 46 by Taylor, and 45 and 44 by Clancy.

S. Fenning (Dublin) beat H. Johnson (Dublin) in the snooker championship by 42-65, 57-40, 75-36, 34-47, 58-22.

DEATH OF PROMISING TWO-YEAR-OLD.

The bay colt, 2 yrs., by Gold Bridge—Blue Mermaid, half-brother to Wykehamist, considered the fastest of 25 two-year-olds in training at the Kildangan Stables, Co. Kildare, died last week from a twisted gut. Sent up to Goff's sales last September from the Kildangan Stud, the colt made 1,500 gns., being purchased by the Anglo-Irish Agency, Ltd., on behalf of Mr. G. F. Annesley, who subsequently sold third interests to Senator James T. McGee and the colt's breeder, Mr. R. More O'Ferrall.

Damages in Greyhound Libel Action

A High Court jury yesterday assessed damages at £50, for which the President gave judgment, with High Court costs, with a stay of execution, in favour of George Gormley, Collins avenue, Dublin, in his libel action against Harry O'Neill, Alma road, Monkstown.

Mr. Gormley, in his statement of claim, set out that in November, 1942, he sold a greyhound (Jolly Henkiller) to Mr. W. H. Broughall, Luton, Bedfordshire, for £250, and that Mr. Harry O'Neill, who, he said, was owner of Browley Kennels, Waterford, and Suirside Kennels, Clonmel, wrote to Mr. Broughall on January 16th, 1943, stating that "this was a very bad investment," and advising him to get rid of the dog.

Mr. Gormley alleged that the words meant that he was dishonest in his dealings as a buyer and seller of greyhounds.

Mr. O'Neill denied having written or published the words complained of, and denied that they had a defamatory meaning.

Mr. Gormley, in evidence, said that he bought the dog for £225, and later sold it to Mr. Broughall for £250.

In cross-examination he agreed that Jolly Henkiller had not won a race since it went to England, but said "there were reasons for that, of course." He had since had other transactions with Mr. Broughall: the letter had made no difference between them.

After an application by the defence had been refused, no evidence was called, and the case went to the jury.

£675 for Loss of Eye

Stephen Miley, 57 Francis street, Dublin, who lost an eye as the result of a piece of a carborundum wheel of a grinding machine having struck it, in the premises of Fyffe Couplings (Ireland), Ltd., James's street, Dublin, on August 17th, 1943, is to be paid £675 and a sum for costs, it was announced before the President of the High Court, Dublin, yesterday.

New Solicitor Welcomed

When the Dublin District Court at Morgan place assembled yesterday, Mr. E. M. O'Beirne, solicitor, said he wished to introduce and extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Rory O'Connor, solicitor, on his first appearance in that Court. District Justice O'Sullivan said he wished to endorse what Mr. O'Beirne had said, and to wish Mr. O'Connor every success in his future career. Mr. Rory O'Connor, who is a son of Mr. James J. O'Connor, solicitor, thanked the Justice and Mr. O'Beirne for their kind remarks and good wishes.

Switzers New Extension

One of Dublin's most spacious shops—Switzers—has been extended further by the opening of the lower ground floor this week. To make room for this notable addition, the packing and dispatch departments have been moved across to Clarendon street, and are now reached by a tunnel.

The attractions of this roomy extension are enhanced by the restful effect of the woodwork—mostly mahogany used in a new way. A waiting-room, information and telephone bureau and among the useful amenities.

Co. Dublin Ploughing Match

In the Co. Dublin ploughing championships, held at Cloghran yesterday, T. Forde, of Lucan, was first in the senior championship class; D. Dunne, Rathcoole, and J. Callaghan, Clondalkin, were second and third, respectively. In the junior championship, B. Sutton, P. Clinch, and T. Smith, all of Finglas, were first, second and third respectively.

In the novice championship the following were the winners:—1, J. McKenna, Finglas; 2, D. Duff, Glasnevin; and 3, J. McGuinness, Rush.

Best middle:—Senior, D. Dunne; junior, B. Sutton; and novice, J. McKenna.

Best furrow:—Senior, T. Ennis, Garristown; junior, P. Clinch; and novice, D. Duff.

Soap Rationing.—Coupons to be used by domestic consumers to obtain soap for the month of February are those marked U 3 on page 25 of the ration book.

LEOPARDSTOWN CLUB.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th.

The following Races Close TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), FEBRUARY 2nd, with Mr. F. Harold Clarke, 9 Hume street, Dublin, C.2:—

THE LEOPARDSTOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs. Two miles, one fur. and 60 yds.
THE DALKEY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. About two miles.
THE STILLORGAN MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. About two miles.
THE DUNDRUM STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. For horses that have never won a steeplechase. Two miles and about 175 yds.
THE CARRICKMINES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. About two miles.
THE BRAY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles and about 100 yds.
THE RANELAGH FLAT RACE of 100 sovs. For maiden four years old and upwards. (Qualified Riders.) About two miles.

Dublin Theatres

Gaiety.—Sean Ryan, Irish tenor, is guest singer in "Robinson Crusoe," which has entered its final week, with Jimmy O'Dea leading as Maggie Crusoe. Eire O'Reilly, in the title part; Maisie Cranfield as Polly Perkins, and Jim Jonson and Chris. Markey give him the necessary support. Maureen Potter and Mary Poswolsky are amongst the company.

Gate.—On account of the illness of Mr. MacLiammoir, the Christmas party, "Masquerade," was presented last night with some alterations. The first part of the programme remained as before, but Strindberg's "The Stronger" took the place of "The Cask of Amontillado," with Miss Meriel Moore and Miss Ginette Waddell appearing; and "Exit Harlequin" gave place to "Thirst," by Myles na gCopaleen, with R. Hennessy, Liam Gaffney, Joseph O'Dea, and Seamus MacDonald. Miss Mairin Fenning took part in "Interlude," for which the music was arranged by Elliott Button.

Royal.—"Royal Salute," No. 3, is just as good as the others of this series. With Noel Purcell, May Devitt and Pauline Forbes, it could hardly fail to be, for each of them is on top form, while Frankie Blowers, Eddie Byrne and Sean Mooney each add something very much worth while. The Royalettes include a singing number in their show which contrasted with that of the other vocal artists.

Capitol.—Johnny Caross continues this week his surprising acrobatic act, revealing an altogether unexpected talent; "Bono" makes voices come from nowhere with his ventriloquism, and Jack Nordell, with the girls in an attractive and suitable setting, sings several Indian compositions. The show is rounded off by Mike Nolan in topical songs, and Johnny Keyes, whose crooning continues to be immensely popular.

Olympia.—This is the concluding week of "Yuletide Express" in which the Great Benyon continues to mystify his audiences with clever illusions and keeps his entertainment fresh with a change of programme. His daughter, Evelyn Talma, and Ena Whelan are in the cast.

Peacock.—D. J. Giltinan's "Bitter Rue," which was first produced at the Gaiety in 1942, was presented by the Court Players (Phœnix Productions) in the Peacock last night. Production, which was of a high standard, was by Evelyn Bowen, and the cast included: Bertie Woodcock, Bill Foley, Paddy O'Broin, Anne Murray, Tomas O Suilleabhain, Kay Fitzpatrick and Martin Conboy.

Housing Enterprise

A company's contribution to post-war housing plans is represented by an item of £10,000 for leasehold land on the balance sheet presented yesterday at the annual meeting of Associated Properties, Ltd., held in Dublin. Referring to this item, Mr. W. J. Byrne, Secretary and Managing Director, said that the company had acquired a large estate on the fringe of the city boundary at Ballymun, where 500 houses would be erected. In addition, the company has concluded negotiations for the purchase of two other sites, where it is intended to erect 700 houses for renting.

The company, which has built 2,098 houses, provides a five-roomed house and garden for 19s. per week.

IRISH WILLS

Ralph Brereton Barry, Millbrook, Eglinton road, Dublin—£2,668 (Eire); William Sheridan, Mayfield terrace, S.C. road, Dublin—£2,793 (Eire); James Delahunty, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary—£2,015 (Eire); Mrs. Eileen Monks (widow), Sackville avenue, Ballybough, Dublin—£2,010; and Michael Nolan, Eyre street, Newbridge, Kildare—£1,471 (Eire).

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Activity in British Funds Continues

THE activity in British Government Stocks continued on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and it became evident that some holders of the Conversion 5 p.c.'s are effecting exchange from that stock into other securities rather than wait for the repayment on May 1st.

The Conversion stock is still quoted at 102¼, any stock coming on the market being absorbed by special quarters.

Investment demand was also in evidence in other quarters. Bank shares, Tobacco issues and Electric Power shares being prominent. Otherwise business was on a comparatively small scale, little movement being seen in any direction.

It is to be noted that the movement towards redeeming high interest bearing stock continues. The Sheffield Corporation, for instance, is to redeem an outstanding £985,582 in 4½ per cent. 1944-54 Debenture stock on August 1st next. In this case conversion into a 3 per cent. loan is being arranged, but it is likely that some of the money involved will come to the Stock Exchange.

DEBIT REDUCED

Some interest has been taken in the shares of the United Turkey Red Co., Ltd., since the more favourable position of the company was revealed in the last report and accounts. The company, which has an issued capital of £1,606,120, bleaches and prints all kinds of cotton goods at its works in the Vale of Level Dumbartonshire.

It was established as far back as 1897, and for many years was successful. From 1930 onwards, however, its experience was unfortunate, and by 1939 its debit at profit and loss had grown to £173,509. Since then conditions have improved, however; profits have been made, and in the last accounts for the year to December, 1942, the debit balance had been reduced to £64,707, profits for that year being £71,796, against £34,331 the year before.

Cumulative Preference dividends are in arrears, however, £582,370 4 p.c. since December 31st, 1937, and £341,250 5½ p.c. since December 31st, 1933. No dividend has been paid on the £682,500 of Ordinary capital since the 6 p.c. for 1929. The suggestion has been made that a capital reorganisation scheme is in prospect by which profits might be released for distribution.

The £1 Ordinary are quoted at 7/3-8/3, and both Preference issues at 12/6-16/3. The market in the shares is in Glasgow.

ROAD-MAKING

Despite the cessation of much normal road-making owing to the war, there has still been plenty of demand for the material supplied by the Amalgamated Roadstone Corporation, Ltd., which owns quarries in Cornwall and Wales, and has recently acquired a similar business in Leicestershire. The accounts for the year to March 31st, 1943, are now available, and show that a record in trading profits was made at £134,607, against £114,480.

The dividend is again made up to 5 p.c., with a final payment of 3 p.c. The chairman states that the earnings of the company and its subsidiaries in the year ending on March 31st next have been satisfactory, and in addition to the final dividend an interim of 2 p.c. will also be paid for the current year. Its 10/- Ordinary shares are now at 10/9 ex div.

During the past year L. and J. Weber and Phillips, Ltd., wholesale and export boot and shoe manufacturers, have been specialising in children's footwear, in which the chairman says there has been an acute shortage. The result is that the output for the year has been satisfactory, and trading profits slightly increased. Owing, however, to the additional reserve required for taxation the net profit was reduced from £19,973 to £16,338. This has caused a set-back in the dividend from 10 to 9 p.c. In each of the five previous years the dividend had been increased, the total rising in that period from 3½ to 10 p.c. The 10/- shares are valued at 15/-.

COMPANY NEWS

Grosvenor Hotel (Dublin), Ltd.—Dividend of 6 per cent. (1/2 2-5 per share) on Ord. shares for year ended December 31st, 1943 (same).

Sparrow, Hardwick and Co.—Final dividend of 3½ per cent., making 7 per cent. for the year (same); net profit, £30,667 (against £29,001); carry forward, £30,467.

Zoo Receipts Make Record

THE annual report of the Council of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, read at the meeting held yesterday in the Royal College of Surgeons Hall, stated the membership was 1,153, which was the highest total since 1930. During the year. 132 members were elected.

Over 240,000 members of the general public attended the Gardens in 1943, and, for the first time in history, the gate receipts exceeded £7,000.

Very few animals have been purchased since 1939, and, if emergency conditions continue much longer, old age would remove many of the animals now in the Gardens, necessitating excessive replacements after the war. For that reason, it was desirable to have a reserve fund.

Captain A. S. Gordon was elected President of the Council, in succession to Dr. R. Lloyd Praeger.

Dr. Stanley Kemp, who lectured on "Animal Life in the Antarctic," said the extensive use of the explosive harpoon has greatly reduced the number of rorqual whales in the northern waters, and the whaling industry has now turned to what must obviously be its last stronghold—the Antarctic. Conferences have been held by the countries involved, with a view to improving conditions after the war. Another factor which had contributed to the wiping out of the whale population was the development of factory ships trading in non-territorial waters, and, consequently, could do what they like.

The lecture was illustrated with excellent lantern slides.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man and Wife for Trial.—Patrick Ward (39) and his wife, Margaret Ward (37), Middle Gardiner street, Dublin, were returned for trial in the District Court yesterday charged with stealing overcoats and suits value at £150 from the premises of the Fifty Shilling Tailors Henry street.

Sisters on Murder Charge.—At a special Court in Enniskillen yesterday, two sisters, Julia Shannon (26) and Rose Shannon (23), of Drumdoney, Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh, were returned for trial, in custody, to Fermanagh Assizes, charged with the murder of the three years' old daughter of their unmarried sister, Gretta.

Fatal Cycle Accident.—A verdict of accidental death, due to injuries received when knocked down by a cyclist, was returned at an inquest in Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, on Miss Ellen Downes (58), factory hand, Chapel Hill, Lucan. The accident took place last Friday, and the jury attached no blame to the cyclist.

Not Guilty Verdict. — Thomas McMahon, Upper Leeson street, 'bus driver; Patrick Gilligan, Tram terrace, Ballsbridge, 'bus driver, and Christopher Gilligan, Fassaugh road, Cabra, wood carter, were found not guilty in the Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday of receiving £150 worth of plywood stolen from Messrs. R. J. Campbell and Co., Ltd., Ringsend.

Red Cross Concert.—There was a packed house at the Red Cross concert in the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, on Sunday. The performers included Patricia Black, Albert Healy, Rita Lynch, Ide Ni Chadhlaigh, Jimmy O'Dea, Michael O'Higgins, Cecil O'Shaughnessy, Pearse Winstanley, The Antlers and the Artane School Band. Miss Kitty O'Callaghan was the accompanist. "Question Time," compered by Joe Linnane, was broadcast.

Dublin Cook's £5,000

A suit to establish the will and codicil of Mrs. Catherine Ross, late of Kilcrea, Donabate, brought by her sister, Mrs. Hanna Brennan, 106 Portrane, Donabate, as executrix, was opened before Mr. Justice Haugh and a jury in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, and was adjourned. The will and codicil were opposed on the three usual grounds by Mrs. Ross's husband, John Ross, Kilcrea, to whom she left money on deposit in the United States, all the machinery and horses on her farm, half the cattle and half the growing crops, with the right to remain on the farm as long as he wished. Mrs Ross left the farm to Mrs. Brennan and made other bequests.

For Mrs. Brennan, it was stated that the total assets, which amounted to something over £5,000, included money on deposit receipt in the United States of America and in this country, and a 65-acre farm near Donabate. The late Mrs. Ross had spent most of her time in America, where she had been engaged in hotels and institutions as a very high-class cook.

Railway To Pay 10 Per Cent.

THE Belfast and County Down Railway Company recommends a dividend of 10 per cent. on the 5 per cent. Preference stock for the two years ended December 31st, 1931 and 1932.

A final dividend of 2¼ per cent. on the 4½ per cent. "A" Preference for the half-year ended December 31st, 1943, is also recommended.

The carry-forward is £2,430, against £2,227 brought in.

IDLE DAY ON DUBLIN EXCHANGE

IT is a very long time since the Dublin Stock Exchange witnessed such a quiet Monday. Public interest was on a restricted scale, and Industrials claimed the bulk of attention at generally steady to harder levels. Home Government Funds attracted good support, and a firm tone prevailed. Home Rails were extremely quiet, and sellers were in evidence.

Second National Loan eased to 115, but Agreement Loan advanced to 111¼, and Exchequer Bonds to 111. 3½ p.c. National Security tended higher to 106, and 4 p.c. Land Bonds rose to 107⅛.

Guinness units failed to hold an early improvement, but closed steady at 128/-.

RAILS EASIER

A feature was the offering of Home Rails, but the market made an idle showing, due chiefly to lack of support. Small lots of Gt. Southern stock changed hands at their ex dividend levels, but prices inclined easier all round. The Ord. and Pref. both dipped to 47, the Guar. to 64, and the Deb. to 88½. Gt. Northern Deb. improved to 82½.

Dublin Transport Ord. hardened to 25/4½, and Alliance Gas Ord. held 24/-. E. and J. Burke Deb. rose to 200/-. Irish Times 1st Pref. to 84/9, while Goulding Pref. hardened to 26/6.

Irish Wire Products Pref. relapsed 1/3 to 18/-, and Hugh Moore Ord. shaded off to 3/7½, but the Pref. gained 1/- at 21/6.

Pye Ord. lost pence at 8/-, but Salts (Ireland) "A" Ord. advanced 1/- to 7/3, and Green Cinema Pref. improved to 18/-.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS — 5 p.c. Second National Loan (115¼), *115; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (112), 112; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (110¾), *111¼; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (110¾), *111; 3½ p.c. National Security (105⅞), 106; do. Deed (105⅞), *105¾; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (116⅞), 116⅞; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (107⅜), *107⅛; 3½ p.c. War Loan (103⅞), 103¾.

BANKS — Munster and Leinster (131/6), *131/6; National (49/-), 50/-, 50/-; Northern "A" (87/-), 87/-.

BREWERIES—Guinness Ord. (128/-), 128/6, 8/-; do. Pref. (16), *16.

RAILS, ETC.—Great Northern Deb. (82), 82½; Great Southern Ord. (49½), *47 x.d.; do. Pref. (49¾), *47 x.d.; do. Gtd. (71½), *64 x.d.; do. Deb. (88⅞), 88½, 8¾; Dublin Transport Ord. (25/3), 25/4½; do. Pref. (25/4½), 25/4½.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Alliance Gas Ord. (24/-), 24/-; Braids Ord. (37/9), 37/9; Burke (E. and J.) Deb. (199/6), 200/-; Carroll Ord. (34/3), *34/3; Cement Pref. (33/-), 33/-; do. Deb. (111), *111; Goulding Pref. (26/1½), 26/6; Irish American Oil Pref. (30/-), 30/-; Irish Cinema Ord. (5/1½), 5/6a; Irish Tanners Ord. (18/6), 18/6; Irish Times 1st Pref. (84/6), *84/9; Irish Wire Products Pref. (19/3), 18/-; May Roberts Ord. (51/-), 51/-; Moore (Hugh) Ord. (3/9), 3/7½; do. Pref. (20/6), 21/6; Pim Bros. Ord. (11/-), 11/-; Polikoff Ord. (4/-), 4/6b; Prices Tailors Ord. (4/9), 4/9b; Pye Ord. (8/6), *8/-; Salts Ord. (6/3), *7/3; Green Cinema Pref. (17/6), *18/-; Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. (56/9), 56/9.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Blyvoors, *81/9; Can. Western Lumber, 4/-; Grand Central Rubbers, 17/6; Hawker Siddeley, 18/4½; Imperial Chemical (37/10½), 38/3, 8/1½; Lever Bros., 36/1½; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (34/9), 34/10½; Vickers, 17/4½; Western Reefs, *58/6; Woolworth, 56/10½ x.d.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—Brazilian Tractions, 25¾.

Machinery Shares Show Strength

The statement made by the British Cotton Board Committee in its recent report that £45,000,000 is to be spent by the industry in the five years following the cessation of hostilities on plant and machinery, has given strength and activity to the shares of the companies interested. A lively market has developed, particularly from the North, in the shares of Howard and Bullough up to 21/3, Platt Brothers 6/8 shares up to 16/-, and Dobson and Barlow 7/- shares up to 13/9.

These three companies, which formerly manufactured textile machinery themselves, have combined that side of their business in one concern, Textile Machinery Makers, Ltd., of which they hold the capital between them. Recent dividends have been 5 p.c., 10 p.c., and 9 11-21 p.c. respectively.

Other companies concerned in the industry are Tweedales and Smalley (1920), Ltd., with 10/- shares quoted at 35/6, and paying 17½ p.c.; Arundel Coulthard and Co., with £1 shares quoted at 13/-, and paying 4 p.c., and Mather and Platt, with £1 stock units quoted at 54/6, and paying 10 p.c.

Small Movements on Wall Street

NEW YORK, Monday.—The Stock Exchange opened steady, but quiet. Scattered issues managed to stage a recovery, but the leaders continued apathetic.

Price changes throughout were generally small either way, and the market closed irregular.

The volume of trading totalled 632,000 shares, comprising 791 issues, of which 353 advanced, 224 declined and 214 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

FOOD MARKETS

GRIMSBY FISH.—Haddocks, codling, sprags, whiting, and cod 6/6 (heads on); lemon soles and plaice, 16/6; halibut, 21/6; smoked haddocks and codling, 13/-; and smoked fillets, 16/6 per stone.

DUBLIN FISH.—Fair supplies, with prices easier at:—Lobsters, 30/- to 50/- per 13; salmon 3/10 to 4/9, soles 3/11 to 4/9, brill 2/9, and halibut 3/2 per lb.; cod 70/- to 80/, conger eels 29/-, ling 27/-, whiting 70/- to 80/-, and herrings 6/- per box.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Light offerings cleared early at:—Savoy cabbage, small, 13/- to 20/- load; Swede turnips, 2/- to 2/6 per cwt.; carrots 8/- to 10/-, and parsnips 5/- to 7/ bag.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Market firm to dearer at:—Tipperary, Dates and Champione, 16/6; Kerr's Pinks and Spry's Abundance, 10/-; and Banners, 9/- per cwt. ex store.

OTHER EXCHANGES

BIRMINGHAM.—Meadows rose to 18/6, Villiers to 36/9, and Lucas to 77/6. Alvis, 3/10½; Austin "A," 27/3; Dennis, 25/-; Dunlop, 40/4½; Enfield, 25/6; Ford, 34/9; Guy, 2/7½; Humber, 21/3; Morris, 42/1½; Raleigh, 77/3; Rolls Royce, 103/9; Triplex, 38/-; Rover, 29/3; Tube Investment, 95/-.

MANCHESTER. — Bleachers, 10/3; Dyers, 21/3; "Slubbers," 6/3; Calico Printers, 16/3; Coats, 47/-; Courtaulds, 52/6; Dunlop, 40/3; Cotton, 34/3; Velvet, 11/1½; Spinners, 22/3; Henry, 19/9; Turner and Newall, 78/3; Wall Paper Defd., 37/9.

Support for Labour Party.—Several branches of the Labour Party have signified their adhesion to the party, and expressed their confidence in its leadership. Ballina branch has reaffirmed its allegiance, as well as Kilrush, Wexford, and the Dublin Townships' Constituency Council, Bray branch, affirming its loyalty, has called on Mr. James Everett, T.D., to indicate whether he is still subject to the whip of the Labour Party, under whose auspices he was elected for Co. Wicklow.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES
Slum Problem of the Future

THE ordinary general meeting of Associated Properties, Limited, was held in the Registered Office, 100-101 Grafton street, Dublin, on Monday, January 31st, 1944, Mr. Patrick A. Mungovan presiding. The other directors present were: W. A. Dixon, F.R.I.A.I.; A. Edward Smith, F.S.I.; John S. O'Connor, P. Morgan, and W. J. Byrne, P.C., Secretary and Managing Director.

Moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1943, the Chairman said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, in accordance with our usual procedure, and with your permission, I propose to take the report and accounts which have been in your hands since January 22nd as read. Before moving the adoption I would like to refer to the position disclosed by the accounts for the year just ended, as compared with the year preceding. I think you will agree the figure of £24,094 13s. 3d. surplus in the profit and loss account is a satisfactory outcome of the year's working, arrived at after making provision for all charges, including depreciation of your properties. It includes the sum of £956 profit on sale of investments realised during the year, but if we extract this item, the past year shows the satisfactory increase of £3,208 over the previous year.

INCREASED LETTINGS.

This result is all the more satisfactory since it is entirely due to the increased number of lettings of the company's properties, and is in no way attributable to an increase in the price of the service this company has to sell to the public. That service, as you know, is house accommodation of a very superior kind, but at a most reasonable price, consistent with the charges and upkeep, income tax and rates on the property. Notwithstanding the very large increase in such items as compared with, say, the year 1937, the tenants of the company are paying no more rent to-day than they paid to us in that year. They enjoy a compact house, with two living rooms, three bedrooms, kitchenette, bath, etc., with garden plot front and rear, serviced for electric light, power and gas at 19s. or 20s. per week. The excellent accommodation offered at such favourable terms must be the reason that the company has on its waiting list for tenancies over 1,200 applicants for rented houses of the type built on your Drimnagh Estate. I will leave it to our Managing Director to tell you what steps the Board has taken in order to meet the demand for housing accommodation in the city, and pass on to deal with other items in the accounts that call for comment.

STRENGTHENING RESERVES

Turning to the balance sheet.—On the liabilities side, you will see the amount due under Trade Loan (Guarantee) Act, 1939, is £128,333 6s. 8d., or £11,666 13s. 4d. less than in the previous account. This represents the reduction due to payment of the fourth instalment of principal made last year. The amount to meet the fifth instalment on November 7th, 1944, is provided for, as you will observe. Creditors for materials, at £2,300 4s. 9d., compares with £4,657 9s. 9d. in last account. Reserve for depreciation of fixed assets now stands at £41,148 10s. 0d., which shows an increase of £9,587 9s. 0d. over the amount provided in last balance sheet. I need not refer very fully to the Board's policy of steadily writing down fixed assets. You have approved of it in previous years, and I can only say, the policy will be continued, regardless of the rise in property values. To the general reserve, which stands at £10,000 in the last account, we propose to allocate a further £5,000, making this item £15,000, which further strengthens the position of the company, and provides for any contingency, with which such a fund may be called on to deal with in the year ahead.

POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

On the assets side.—Loans on mortgage, and interest thereon at £62,266, compared with £68,954 for this item on last balance sheet, shows a reduction of £6,6.. which represents mortgage loans repaid to the company during the year. A new item on this side of the balance sheet appears as leasehold land acquired during the year for £10,000. This represents our initial step in preparing for post-war development. An estate most conveniently situated to the city has been acquired, on which provision is being made for the erection of 500 dwelling houses. Expenditure on building contracts not completed at December 31st, 1943, is shown at £3,489 11s. 10d., which represents houses in course of erection for the company on the Drimnagh Estate.

Your financial year closed on December 31st, 1943, and I am pleased to state the certified accounts and balance sheet of the company were available for the Directors on January 7th, 1944, which enabled them to submit their report and recommendations for the payment of final dividends at this early date, which, I am sure, you will appreciate. I will now move: "That the Directors' report and statement of accounts and balance sheet of the company for the year ended December 31st, 1943, as certified by the auditors and now presented, be, and the same are hereby received and adopted."

Mr. W. J. Byrne, Managing Director, seconding the resolution, said: "I think we must agree that the financial position of the company disclosed by the statement of accounts and balance sheet is very satisfactory. As the Chairman has said, the increased profit on the year's working arises solely from two causes, increased lettings of the company's houses and the resultant income from same, and profit on sale of investments. At December 31st, 1943, there were 85 more houses occupied by tenants than at the end of the previous year. Every house owned by the company on its various estates in the city is in occupation, and the waiting list of applicants on January 1st for our Drimnagh type of house alone numbered 1,200.

DUBLIN HOUSING POSITION.

An analysis of these applications throws a striking light on the housing situation in Dublin to-day. It reveals the following facts:—460 of the families pay up to 30s. per week for flat accommodation, which in no case exceeds 3 apartments; 380 families are living in two-roomed apartments, for which the rent paid is 25s. per week; a further 210 are flat dwellers, at rents not less than 18s. per week, and only 150 enjoy the privilege and privacy of a whole house to themselves, for which they are paying an average rent of 32s. 4d. per week, the floor area of which does not exceed 840 square feet. Contrast this with the accommodation this company provides:—A five-roomed house, serviced for electric light, power, and gas, garden front and rear, floor area not less than 850 square feet, rent 19s. per week. In every application examined the family income is sufficient or more than sufficient to warrant a letting of one of the company's houses, and if houses were available the average weekly saving to these 1,200 families would, in rent alone, be not less than 30 p.c. of what they are now providing in the family budget for this item. You may ask with this information before you why it is that these families who are economically self-supporting, and who can pay a reasonable rent for proper house accommodation, cannot be provided with houses, by, say, the housing activities of Dublin Corporation. The question is a fair one, but the answer is also fair.

For ten years after the close of the present world war the unremitting activities of Dublin Corporation housing must be directed, and very rightly so, to slum clearance and re-housing of slum dwellers in the city; and there is no possibility, even after that period, of the Corporation being able to deal with the housing problem of this type of citizen for the following reasons:—

HOMES FOR SMALL FAMILIES.

Of the 1,200 applications I am dealing with, 520 are families where the children do not exceed three in number, 470 families have two children, 119 have one child, and the remaining 91 are young folk, newly embarked upon the married state. The work of the Corporation housing for the next ten years must be directed to relieving families much larger in numbers, and families who cannot pay an economic rent for the houses provided for them. I want to stress with some degree of certainty that unless something is done to house the type of citizen referred to, their families in ten years' time will be the slum problem for that period.

If young married people of to-day are not provided with houses at a reasonable rent they may within a decade, by force of economic circumstances, be compelled to call upon the increasing subsidies of the taxpayer to provide them with accommodation. Concurrently with the housing activity of the Dublin Corporation to clear the slums, an immense housing activity over the next ten years is also required to deal with the type of families I have referred to. Such families form no small portion of the population of the city, as can be seen by the number of applications which have reached our office alone, applications which I may say have not been solicited. These families can pay an economic rent and would be no charge on the taxpayer if their housing problem be attended to now or in the near future; neglected—they must inevitably become the Dublin slum problem of the future.

Until such time as there is a sufficiency of houses to rent in every district of Dublin City, there will be no real easing of this aspect of the housing problem. I, therefore, consider it would be helpful if the Government would remove any obstacle which prevents the free flow of capital into the building of houses to rent. To do so would be to give hope and encouragement to the many thousands of families in Dublin who cannot look for any relief in their housing conditions from the Dublin Corporation for the reasons I have stated. And who, I am sure, in any case, do not wish to be housed at the cost of subsidies from their fellow-citizens, since they are in a position to pay a reasonable economic rent if houses are provided. In any event, the business of providing houses for this class of citizen is one for private enterprise, and not for the municipal authorities.

LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS.

Considerations of the foregoing nature determined your Board to prepare a comprehensive programme of post-war building and development, and with that end in view a large estate on the fringe of the city's northern boundary at Ballymun has been acquired. Five hundred dwelling-houses for rent will be erected on the site, the plans for which have already been lodged with the Local Government Department and the County Dublin Commissioner. It is expected, at least, that work on the roads, sewers, etc., will be commenced in the early spring of this year. In addition to the estate referred to, negotiations for the purchase of two other estates have been concluded, and on these sites it is intended to erect a further 700 houses for renting. You will see, therefore, that the company's post-war plans will be no small contribution to housing requirements in Dublin city and county. The programme is a large one, but well within the scope of the organisation which has been built up to provide it.

Up to 31st December, 1943, the company has built 2,098 houses in Dublin, providing accommodation for about 12,000 persons. The amount expended on this activity for wages and materials in providing houses, roads, sewers, paths, lighting, etc., was the considerable sum of one and a quarter million pounds. This expenditure in the building trades provided employment on building sites alone for many hundreds of workers over the past 16 years, apart from the activity it called into being in the industries which serve the building trade. The company has created in the city rateable valuations totalling £25,000 0s. 0d. It has constructed five miles of roads, paths and sewers in the city, and when completed these were handed over free of cost to the Dublin Corporation.

The revenue in rates accruing to the Dublin Corporation from this activity is from development of hinterland on the company's estates, and not from ribbon-building on road frontages already serviced at the public expense.

I beg to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The meeting unanimously approved of the payment of a final dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. on the Pref. shares, less tax, and at the rate of 9 per cent., less tax, on the Ordinary shares, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1943.

Mr. P. A. Mungovan and Mr. J. S. O'Connor, the retiring directors, were unanimously re-elected.

Messrs. D. O'Connor and Co. were re-appointed as auditors for the year 1944.

HIBERNIAN BANK
Satisfactory Results

THE ordinary general meeting of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., was held yesterday at the Head Office, 27 College Green, Dublin.

The Chairman, Mr. Martin Francis Mahony, submitting the report to the shareholders, said:—

We are holding two meetings to-day—first, this half-yearly general meeting to consider the report and balance sheet for the latter half of 1943, and, immediately afterwards, an extraordinary general meeting to consider the proposal that, in future, we hold one annual meeting instead of, as heretofore, two half-yearly meetings. I do not wish to detain you longer than is necessary, and shall therefore deal as briefly as possible with the accounts now before us. As the world war is still with us, the remarks which I made at our meetings held during the past several years as to the conditions in which business has to be carried on in this country continue to apply, and I need not repeat them. These conditions will, in all probability, prevail while the war lasts.

If you will look at our balance sheet you will see that our deposits stand at almost £14,800,000, showing an increase of over £1,500,000 as compared with the figures of December 31st, 1942. On the same basis of comparison, our investments have increased by well over £2,000,000, reflecting the increase in our deposits, the reduction (about £220,000) in the figures of our cash balances, and the decrease (£487,000) in our advances. You will also see that notes in circulation have been reduced by £73,000, a result of the operation of the Central Bank Act, which provides for the gradual calling in of the Consolidated Bank Note issue.

SOUND POSITION

As you are aware, the figures of our advances to the public have declined each half-year since the beginning of the period of emergency. We have, however, no doubt that there will be a great change in this respect when, with the ending of that period, accommodation will be required by manufacturers to enable them to import the necessary raw materials at present practically unobtainable, and by traders to renew their stocks—also for other business purposes.

Our cash balance stands at the high figure of £2,100,000. The soundness of the Bank's position is shown by the figures of our liquid assets, which bear the very high proportion of over 78 per cent. to our liabilities to the public.

On referring to our profit and loss account, you will see that our net profits, which show an increase of £1,300, amount to £36,406, and that after adding thereto the balance, £26,671, from last account, we have available for distribution the sum of £63,077. We propose to apply £6,000 in reduction of bank premises account, to pay a dividend for the half-year at the rate of eleven per cent. per annum, absorbing £27,500, and to carry forward £29,577 to next account. I think you will agree with me that, having regard to the circumstances of the times, the position as disclosed by our figures may be regarded as satisfactory.

I wish to express the Board's appreciation of the services rendered by the staff during the half-year.

I have now to move that the report and statement of accounts now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes.

The report was seconded by Mr. Henry Joseph Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Charles Martin O'Kelly then proposed that the directors retiring by rotation—Mr. Henry Joseph Campbell and Mr. Thomas Vincent Murphy—should be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. James Frederick Boydell and passed unanimously.

Messrs. Kean and Company, chartered accountants, were then re-elected auditors, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Board of Directors was passed.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Mahony, Chairman, then said:—When addressing you in July last I mentioned that, with a view to saving of expense and the elimination of much unnecessary labour, the directors had come to the conclusion that the present arrangement under which the ordinary general meeting of the Bank is held once in every half-year should be altered, and that the ordinary general meeting of the Bank should be held once in every year. As, no doubt, some of you are aware, the system of having a meeting once a year obtains in most of the Irish banks. The object of this extraordinary general meeting is to give the shareholders an opportunity of adopting, if they so desire, the proposal put forward by the directors. As a first step towards achieving the end in view it will be necessary to alter our Articles of Association in the terms of the resolution to be proposed to-day, as set out in the notice of meeting.

A further extraordinary general meeting will be held on February 15th to receive a report on the proceedings at this meeting, and to confirm, if thought fit, that resolution as a special resolution.

As the first step, I have formally to move the resolution set out in the notice of meeting which you have all received—viz.:—

That the Articles of the Bank be altered as follows:—

1. That Article 42 be cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

Article 42. The ordinary general meeting of the Bank shall be held once in every year, on the last Monday in January.

2. That after Article 98 the following Article be added:—

Article 98 (a). The directors may from time to time pay to the shareholders such interim dividends as in their judgment the profits of the Bank justify.

3. That Article 16 be cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

Article 16. The transfer books may be closed during such time as the directors think fit, not exceeding in the whole thirty days in each year.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Stamford H. Roche, and passed unanimously.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

BRITISH FUNDS.

Consols 2½%	79½	79¾	+⅛
Do 4%	109⅝	109⅞	+1/16
3½% War Loan	103 11/16	103 13/16	+1/16
3% War Loan	101 11/16	101 13/16	+1/16
Funding Loan	113½	113¾	
Victory Bonds	111½	112½	
3% Conversion	102⅝	102⅞	
3½% Conversion	105⅛	105⅜	+1/16
5% Conversion	101⅞	102⅛	
2½% Land	89¾	90¼	
I.F.S. 4½% Land	115½	117½	
Local Loans	94½	94¾	+⅛
Nat Def 2½%	101	102	

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS

Brazil 20-Yr. A	73½	+1
Do 40-Yr. B	57½	
Gt. Western	61½	+¼
L.M.S. Ord.	33¼	
Do. 4% Pref.	79	+½
Do. 5% Rd P	102½	
Do. 4% Pf. 23	68	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord.	10	+⅛
Do. Def.	4⅞	
Do. 1st Pref.	62	
Do. 2nd Pref.	34	
Sth. Pref. Ord.	77½	+¼
Sth. Def. Ord.	24⅞	
Do. 5% Pref.	119	+½
Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	60	
B.A. Gt. Sth	13½	
Do. 4% Deb.	62½	−½
B.A. and Pac. 4% Deb	60	
Do. Con 4½% Deb.	57½	
B.A. & Western	12¼	−¼
Do. 4% Deb.	52½	−½
Canadian Pac.	16 1/32	+1/32
C.Arg. 4% Deb.	52½	−1½
Do. 5% Deb. 1967-87	48½	−½
Bank of Eng.	371½	+1
Barclay A	55/0	
Hong Kong & Shanghai	80½	
Lloyds	61/6	
Midland	10⅜	+1/16
Westminster	71/6	
Do. £4 £1 pd	92/6	

OILS—RUBBERS.

Anglo-Iranian	110/0	
Attock	41/3	
Burmah	80/0	
Can. Eagle	11/9	−0/1½
Mex. Eagle	10/9	−0/1½
Shell	77/1½	
Trin. Lease	88/9	
Do. Pet. Dev	78/9	
Anglo-Dutch	15/4½	−0/3
Anglo-Malay	6/7	
Highlands	17/0	
Kuala Lumpur	16/3	
Malacca	12/0	
Malayalam	34/6	
Rubber Trust	18/9	
U. Sua Betong	28/9	
Utd Serdang	1/11½	

* Ex Dividend. ‡ Ex Bonus. ‘ Ex Rights.

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)	27/0	−0/3
Assoc Cement	64/0	−0/6
Babcock & W.	49/9	−0/3
Brown (J.)	25/1½	
B.S.A.	22/6	
Bleachers	10/0	−0/6
Brad. Dyers	21/9	
Braz. Trac.	24⅞	−7/32
Brit. Celanese	27/3	
Brit. Match	40/0	−0/6
B.A. Tobacco	108/9	
Beechams Def.	17/6	
Boots Drug	42/0	−0/3
Brit. Alum.	48/0	
Brit. Oxygen	80/6	+0/6
Brit. Pistr. Bd.	29/6	
Br. P. Cement	82/6	
Bass	167/0	
Brit. Insulated	107/6	−1/8
Coast Lines	15/3	
Cab. & W. Ord	79	+¼
Calico Print	16/6	
Coats	46/10½	−0/3
Cory, Wm.	94/0	
Clan Line	8	
Cunard	23/3	
Courtaulds	52/6	
Carreras B.	17/9	
De La Rue	7⅛	
Dorman L.	28/9	
Dunlop	40/3	
Distillers	88/9	+0/3
Elec. & Mus.	27/7½	
English Cotton	33/9	
Ever Ready	39/0	
Ford	34/7½	
Fine Spinners	22/6	−0/3
Gallaher	7	+1/16
Guinness	127/6	
Gen. Elec.	90/6	
Harrods	55/0	
Hudson's Bay	63/0	+2/0
Hawker Sid.	18/0	−0/3
Harland & W	14/9	+0/6
Imp. Tobacco	7⅜*	
Imp. Chemical	38/0	−0/3
Int. Nickel	37⅜	−⅛
Leyland	75/0	
Lever	36/6	−0/3
Lever N.V.	33/9	
London Brick	65/0	
Morris	42/4½	+0/4½
Murex	102/7½	+0/7½
Marks & S.	54/3	+0/1½
Pressed Steel	26/3	
P. & O. Def.	34/10½	
Raleigh	77/0	
Rolls Royce	108/6	
Siemens	80/4	

INDUSTRIALS (Contd.)

Stewart & L.	53/7½	
Sudan Plants	44/8	
Thomas (R.)	9/9	
Tob. Secs. T.	75/0	
Tate & Lyle	67/1½	
Triplex	37/6	−0/3
Tube Invest	95/6	
Turner & N.	78/4½	
United Steel	24/3	
United South	31/3	
Utd Molasses	32/4½	+0/3
Vickers	17/7½	+0/1½
Wall Paper D.	36/0	
White Tomkin	42/0	
Watney Def.	78/9	
Woolworth	57/3*	

MINES.

Ang. Am. Inv.	46/10½	−0/7½
Ashanti	37/6	
Bibiani	27/6	
Blyvoor	80/0	
Brakpan	23/1½	
Chartered	26/6	−0/3
Cons. Diam'd	24/3	
Cons. Afr. Sel.	30/0	−0/3
Cons. G.F.	58/1½	−0/7½
Crown	8	
Daggafontein	42/6	+1/3
De Beers	16⅞	−⅛
Durban Deep	70/0	
East Dagga.	46/3	
East Geduld	8⅞	
E. Rand Prop.	36/9	
Geduld	7⅞	
Govt. Areas	39/4½	
J'burg Cons.	60/7½	
Langlaagte	5/6	
Libanon	18/0	−0/3
Luipaards	19/6	
Marievale	29/0	
Niger Gold	50/0	
Roan	11/0	
Rhod. Ang. A.	17/3	+0/3
Rhodesian Sel	11/9	
Rhokana	7	−⅛
Rio Tinto	17	
Simmer & J.	10/6	
Springs	15/10½	
S.A. Land	76/3	
Venterspost	32/6	
Vereeniging	62/6	
Victoria Falls	37/6	
Vlakfontein	29/9	−0/7½
Vogelstruisbult	26/10½	
West Holding	35/0	−0/7½
West Reefs	57/6	−0/7½
West Springs	26/3	
West Wits	9⅛	−1/32

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

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7.45 — ONCE NIGHTLY — MATINEES WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS—
LAST WEEKS OF
Jimmy O'Dea in "ROBINSON CRUSOE."
GUEST ARTIST:
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NIGHTLY, 7.45. MAT. SAT., 2.3[illegible]
THE GREAT BENYON'S
"YULETIDE EXPRESS No. 5."
6th and Final Week.
Another Crazy-Happy-go-Lucky Week. Complete Change of Programme. Sensations and Novelties. Gift Pr[illegible] every night.
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At 7.30.
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SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 6th WEEK.
"MASQUERADE."
Nightly at 7.45. Mat. Sat., 2.30. Booking 10.30—7.

QUEEN'S—6th RECORD WE[EK] "DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT," with PEG[GY] DELL and All-Star Cast. Screen—[illegible] Velez in "REDHEAD FROM MANHATTAN." Panto at 3.30 and 7[illegible] Film—2.30, 6 and 9.40.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

CUTTING DOWN OR UPROOTING OF TREES.
EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 1[illegible]) ORDER, 1942 AND EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 1[illegible]) ORDER, 1942 (FIRST AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1943.

1. The attention of the public is directed to the provisions of the above mentioned Orders. The Orders are on sale and may be purchased directly from the Government Publications Sale Office, College Street, Dublin, or through any Bookseller.
2. The Orders provide—
(i) that no person shall cut down, uproot or cause or permit to be cut down or uprooted any tree standing not more than thirty feet from the centre of any road;
(ii) that an Officer of the Defence Forces commanding a Division, Command, Brigade or District may, from time to time, serve on the owner of trees standing, in the functional area of such Officer Commanding, not more than thirty feet from the centre of any road, a notice prohibiting the owner from cutting down or uprooting such trees or causing or permitting them to be cut down or uprooted. The Officer Commanding may, in writing, revoke or vary such notice. Where a notice is served on any person, such person shall, so long as it is in force, comply with it.
The word "road" is defined as including a private road or a private avenue.
Where a person is for the time being prohibited by or under the provisions mentioned at (i) and (ii) above from cutting down or uprooting any tree, such person shall not, except in compliance with a request by an urban council or a county surveyor under Sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the Local Government Act, 19[illegible], remove, or cause or permit to be removed any branch from that tree.
3. The provisions at paragraph 2 above do not apply in respect of the cutting down or uprooting of, or the removal of a branch from, any tree—
(a) by a person acting on behalf of the State;
(b) by any local authority in connection with road construction, road widening or improvement schemes, or building or constructional works;
(c) by or on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the erection or maintenance of the electric wires of the said Board; or
(d) which, on account of age or condition, constitutes a danger to traffic or any building; or
(e) which is standing on or within one hundred feet of any site on which a building is being erected.
Felling Notices will continue to be lodged where required by Section 5 of the Forestry Act, 1928, but they must be accompanied by duly completed declarations in one of the forms set out in the Schedule to the Order. These forms are available at all Garda Siochana Stations. It is an offence punishable under the Emergency Powers Acts, to make a false declaration.
Department of Defence.
January, 1944.
C9570. W.H.C[illegible]

APPRENTICESHIP ACT, 19[illegible]
HAIRDRESSING TRADE
COUNTY OF DUBLIN AND COUNTY BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE RULES.
The Apprenticeship Committee for the Hairdressing Trade (Dublin) hereby give notice, as required by Section 8 (4) of the Apprenticeship Act, 1931, of intention to make Rules amending the Rules in Part III. of the Apprenticeship Committee for the Hairdressing Trade (Dublin) Confirmation of Rules Order 1941.
On application to the Committee by, or on behalf of, persons engaged in the Hairdressing Trade, information as to the Rules proposed to be made will be given if, in the opinion of the Committee, the applicant is likely to be affected thereby.
The Committee will consider any representations in relation to the proposed Rules which may be lodged with them within one month from 1st February, 1944.
Representations should be signed by the persons making them, who should also give his full name and address. It is desired that persons making representations should state precisely the reasons therefor, and the particular matter in regard to which representations are made.
Dated this 1st day of February, 19[illegible].
J. BOYLAN, Secretary.
Apprenticeship Committees' Office, La Touche Bank Buildings, Castle street, Dublin.
C 9525. W.H.C[illegible]

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION
POSITIONS VACANT.
Application Forms for, and particulars of, the undermentioned posts may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.
1. WATERFORD CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK. Salary Scale: £8[illegible] £25-£900 a year. Minimum Limit: 30 years on 1st February, 19[illegible].
2. SHIFT SUPERVISOR AT BALLYMORE-EUSTACE FILTRATION PLANT UNDER THE CORPORATION OF DUBLIN. Salary Scale: £250-£300 a year, with unfurnished ho[use]. Age limits: 25-45 years on 1st January, 1944, with extension, not exceeding [illegible] years, in the case of persons serving in a pensionable capacity under local authorities. Each candidate must have (i.) satisfactory knowledge of waterworks equipment and fittings, (ii.) satisfactory experience of the operation of electrical apparatus, (iii.) satisfactory mechanical training and experience, and (iv.) satisfactory experience in the supervision of men.
3. INSTRUCTOR IN POULTRY-KEEPING AND BUTTER-MAKING, COUNTY ROSCOMMON. Salary Scale: £100-£[illegible] £200 a year, with bonus related to cost-of-living and maintenance allowance.
LATEST TIME FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS: 5.15 p.m. on 22nd February, 1944.
C9579. W.H.C[illegible]

EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF PRICES) (No. 80) ORDER, 19[illegible] (AMENDMENT) (No. 5) ORDER, 1944.
MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF COCOA.
Following on a reduction in wholesale prices the Minister for Supplies has made an amending Order, entitled as above, reducing the maximum retail price of "Bournville Cocoa" and "Fry's Breakfast Cocoa" to 5d. per ¼ lb.
Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly.
The Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 80) Order, 1941 (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1943 (S.R. and O. No. 367 of 1943) is hereby revoked.
SHOPKEEPERS SHOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS IN THE RATIONING AND PRICE CONTROL HANDBOOK ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin.
31st January 1944.
C9579. W.H.C[illegible]

RATIONING OF SOAP
COUPONS TO BE USED IN FEBRUARY.
The coupons to be used by domestic consumers to obtain soap for the month of FEBRUARY are those marked U 3 (page 25 of the ration book).
NOTICE TO TRADERS.
COUPONS T 1 to T 12 ARE NOW INVALID AND MAY NOT BE USED BY TRADERS TO OBTAIN SOAP. Traders may exchange coupons U 1 for credit vouchers or soap up to 29th FEBRUARY and U 2 up to 31st MARCH.
Coupons marked "Gallúnach, Sos..." may be exchanged by traders at any time.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin.
31st January, 1944.
C9578. W.H.C[illegible]

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA (Department of Agriculture).
An Order entitled the Cork District Milk Board (Election Day, 1944) Order, 1944, has been made by the Minister for Agriculture under the Milk (Regulation of Supply and Price) Acts, 1936 and 1941, appointing the 30th March, 1944, as the day on which members of the Cork District Milk Board shall be elected.
The Order will be published in Iris Oifigiúil and copies will be purchasable from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3-4 College Street, Dublin, or through any bookseller.
D. TWOMEY, Secretary.
31st January, 1944.
C9579. W.H.C[illegible]

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ROYAL Film at 3.15, 5.30, 8.45.
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The Revival you've all been waiting for!
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CINEMA 4.55, 8.5.
The Mad-Cap-Merry Musical!
DEANNA DURBIN JOSEPH COTTEN,
in HERS TO HOLD.

SAVOY At 2.9, 4.29, 6.49, 9.9.
DANGEROUS SKYLARK.
FRIDAY NEXT:
BETTY GRABLE
In the Technicolour Wonder Musical,
"SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY."

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2.30 to 11 o.c.
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"FRANKENSTEIN MEETS THE WOLF MAN."
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RADIO EIREANN—2nd Symphony Concert, Sunday next, Feb. 6th, at 3.15 at the Capitol Theatre. Programme: Rossini : "The Thieving Magpie" Overture; Brahms : Violin Concerto in D (Solo Violin : Arthur Franke). Songs with Orchestra, Cecily Kenny (soprano). M. O Baoighill : Divertimento for String Orchestra. Tchaikovsky : Symphony No. 2 ("Little Russian"). Prices 4/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Book Now. Booking at Theatre 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ASTOR CINEMA.
To-day at 2.20, 4.50, 6.45, 9.5.
SIDNEY HOWARD in J. B. Priestley's
"WHEN WE ARE MARRIED."
The Hilarious Comedy of Three Married Couples—Are they?
EXTRA!!
Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.
"THE GAY PARISIAN,"
Featuring Leonide Massine Mladova and Krassovska.

ADELPHI At 2.18, 4.27, 6.36, 8.45.
Another Great Triumph.
BETTE DAVIS,
PAUL HENREID,
in the Screen's Grandest Love Story.
"NOW VOYAGER."

CARLTON AT 3.5, 5.15, 7.30, 9.27.
Mirth and Music in Two New Films!
"ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID."
Starring The Andrews Sisters.
EXTRA:—"HONEYMOON LODGE."

GRAFTON Continuous 2 to 10.30.
3.0, 5.45, 8.35.
RAIMU in
"LA FEMME DU BOULANGER."
B.B.C BRAINS TRUST, 2.5, 4.50, 7.35.

CORINTHIAN At 2.32, 4.55, 7.14, 9.35.
Stanley Ridges and Bill Henry,
"ATTORNEY'S DILEMMA."
Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette,
"DOWN MEXICO WAY."

PAVILION Dun Laoghaire. At 4.5, 6.30 & 9.0 p.m.
MELVYN DOUGLAS,
ANN SOTHERN
in
"THREE HEARTS FOR JULIA."

REGENT CINEMA, BLACKROCK.
Tyrone Power in "SON OF FURY"
"THE STORY OF BENJAMIN BLAKE."
with Gene Tierney, Frances Farmer, George Sanda.

GREEN—5.30, 6.15, 9.0. Chas. Boyer, Margaret Sullavan, "Appointment for Love"; also "Angels With Broken Wings."

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

CUTTING DOWN OR UPROOTING OF TREES.
EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 169) ORDER, 1942, AND EMERGENCY POWERS (No. 169) ORDER, 1942 (FIRST AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1943.

1. The attention of the public is again directed to the provisions of the above-mentioned Orders. The Orders are on sale, and may be purchased directly from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3-4 College Street, Dublin, or through any Bookseller.

2. The Orders provide—
(i) that no person shall cut down or uproot or cause or permit to be cut down or uprooted any tree standing not more than thirty feet from the centre of any road;
(ii) that an Officer of the Defence Forces, commanding a Division, Command, Brigade or District may, from time to time, serve on the owner of any trees standing in the functional area of such Officer Commanding, more than thirty feet from the centre of any road, a notice prohibiting such owner from cutting down or uprooting such trees or causing or permitting them to be cut down or uprooted. The Officer Commanding may, in writing, revoke or vary such notice. Where a notice is served on any person, such person shall, so long as it is in force, comply with it.

The word "road" is defined as including a private road or a private avenue.

Where a person is for the time being prohibited by or under the provisions mentioned at (i) and (ii) above from cutting down or uprooting any tree, such person shall not, except in compliance with a request by an urban council or a county surveyor under Sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the Local Government Act, 1925, remove, or cause or permit to be removed, any branch from that tree.

3. The provisions at paragraph 2 above do not apply in respect of the cutting down or uprooting of, or the removal of a branch from, any tree—
(a) by a person acting on behalf of the State;
(b) by any local authority in connection with road construction, road widening or improvement schemes, or building or constructional works;
(c) by or on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the erection or maintenance of the electric wires of the said Board; or
(d) which, on account of age or condition, constitutes a danger to road traffic or any building; or
(e) which is standing on or within one hundred feet of any site on which a building is being erected.

Felling Notices will continue to be lodged where required by Section 5 of the Forestry Act, 1928, but they must be accompanied by duly completed declarations in one of the forms set out in the Schedule to the Order. These forms are available at all Garda Siochana Stations. It is an offence, punishable under the Emergency Powers Acts, to make a false declaration.

Department of Defence.
January, 1944. W.H.Co.
C 9570.

APPRENTICESHIP ACT, 1931
HAIRDRESSING TRADE
COUNTY OF DUBLIN AND COUNTY BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE RULES.

The Apprenticeship Committee for the Hairdressing Trade (Dublin) hereby give notice, as required by Section 8 (4) of the Apprenticeship Act, 1931, of intention to make Rules amending the Rules in Part III. of the Apprenticeship Committee for the Hairdressing Trade (Dublin) Confirmation of Rules Order, 1941.

On application to the Committee by, or on behalf of, persons engaged in the designated Trade, information as to the Rules proposed to be made will be given if, in the opinion of the Committee, the applicant is likely to be affected thereby.

The Committee will consider any representations in relation to the proposed Rules which may be lodged with them within one month from 1st February, 1944.

Representations should be signed by the persons making them, who should also give his full name and address. It is desirable that persons making representations should state precisely the reasons therefor, and the particular matter in regard to which representations are made.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1944.
J. BOYLAN, Secretary.
Apprenticeship Committees' Office,
La Touche Bank Buildings,
Castle street, Dublin. W.H.Co.
C 9525.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITIONS VACANT.

Application Forms for, and particulars of, the undermentioned posts may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin:

1. WATERFORD CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK. Salary Scale: £800-£25-£900 a year. Minimum Age Limit: 30 years on 1st February, 1944.

2. SHIFT SUPERVISOR AT THE BALLYMORE-EUSTACE FILTRATION PLANT UNDER THE CORPORATION OF DUBLIN. Salary Scale: £260-£5-£300 a year, with unfurnished house. Age limits: 25-45 years on 1st January, 1944, with extension, not exceeding five years, in the case of persons serving in a pensionable capacity under local authorities. Each candidate must have (i) a satisfactory knowledge of waterworks equipment and fittings, (ii) satisfactory experience of the operation of electrical apparatus, (iii) satisfactory mechanical training and experience, and (iv) satisfactory experience in the supervision of men.

3. INSTRUCTOR IN POULTRY-KEEPING AND BUTTER-MAKING, COUNTY ROSCOMMON. Salary Scale: £100-£10-£200 a year, with bonus related to the cost-of-living and maintenance allowance.

LATEST TIME FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS: 5.15 p.m. on 22nd February, 1944.
C9579 W.H.Co.

EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF PRICES) (NO. 80) ORDER, 1941 (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) ORDER, 1944.

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF COCOA.

Following on a reduction in wholesale prices the Minister for Supplies has made an amending Order, entitled as above, reducing the maximum retail price of Bourneville Cocoa and Fry's Breakfast Cocoa" to 5d. per ½ lb.

Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly.

The Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 80) Order, 1941 (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1943 (S.R. and O., No. 367 of 1943) is hereby revoked.

SHOPKEEPERS SHOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS IN THE RATIONING AND PRICE CONTROL HANDBOOK ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin,
31st January, 1944. W.H.Co.
C 9579.

RATIONING OF SOAP.

COUPONS TO BE USED IN FEBRUARY.

The coupons to be used by domestic consumers to obtain soap for the month of FEBRUARY are those marked U 3 (page 25 of the ration book).

NOTICE TO TRADERS.

COUPONS T 1 to T 13 ARE NOW INVALID AND MAY NOT BE USED BY TRADERS TO OBTAIN SOAP. Traders may exchange coupons U 1 for credit vouchers or soap up to 20th FEBRUARY, and T 2 up to 31st MARCH.

Coupons marked "Gallsanach, Soap," may be exchanged by traders at any time.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin.
31st January, 1944. W.H.Co.
C 9579.

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA (Department of Agriculture).

An Order entitled the Cork District Milk Board (Election Day, 1944) Order, 1944, has been made by the Minister for Agriculture under the Milk (Regulation of Supply and Price) Acts, 1936 and 1941, appointing the 30th March, 1944, as the day on which members of the Cork District Milk Board shall be elected.

The Order will be published in due course, and copies will be purchasable from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3-4 College Street, Dublin, or through any bookseller.

D. TWOMEY, Secretary.
31st January, 1944. W.H.Co.
C9578

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
ALBERT WOODCOCK, Deceased.
Any person having claims against the Estate of above Deceased kindly furnish same to HENRY C. WOODCOCK, Solicitor, 26 Molesworth street, Dublin.

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B.B.C. PROGRAMMES

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293.5 m. (1474 kc/s), 391.1 m. (767 kc/s) 449.1 m. (668 kc/s), 48.84 m. (6.18 mc/s).

7.0—News. 7.15—"Daily Dozen." 7.30—Bizet (composer). 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts." 8.0—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.30—Miscellany. 9.0—Andrew Pennel (organ). 9.20—"Two Years Here," a Talk. 9.35—Schools. 9.55—Elgar: Prelude (The Kingdom). 10.5—Schools. 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Schools. 12.0—Ivy Benson and her Band. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—"Neighbours of Europe." 1.30—C. H. Trevor (organ). 1.50—Schools. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Evensong. 4.0—"Rock Climbing." 4.45—"Twice-told Tales," by R. L. Jacot. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.5—Welsh Children's Hour. 5.30—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—"What's the Music About?" 7.0—Gaelic Concert. 7.30—"The Outlook for Religion." 7.45—"I'll Play to You." 8.15—Brains Trust. 8.5—News. 8.25—Tonight's Talk. 8.40—B.B.C. Orchestra. 10.30—"Ima with the Home Fleet." 10.50—Beethoven: Cello Sonata in A. Op. 69. 11.5—Orchestra. 12.0—News.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE
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6.30—"Reveille." 7.0—News. 7.15—Orchestra. 7.45—"Show-Time" with Dinah Shore. 8.0—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.30—Miscellany. 9.5—Andrew Pennel (organ). 9.20—Hippodrome Orchestra. 10.0—Two Pianos. 10.15—Welsh Light Programme. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Record Roundabout." 11.45—"Scottish Musical Album." 12.0—Ivy Benson and her Band. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—Saxophone Quartet. 1.30—Vocal and Instrumental Music. 2.0—Baritone Songs, sung by Ella Keeler. 2.15—Orchestra. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Scottish Orchestra. 4.0—Boswell Sisters. 4.15—"The Dansant." 4.45—Reginald Foort (organ). 5.0—Band. 5.30—"Pastiche in Form." 6.0—News. 6.30—News from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. 7.0—"Humpty Dumpty." 7.30—Band. 8.0—"Hawaiian Serenade." 8.15—Songs from the Shows." 9.0—News. 9.25—"Into Battle. 9.35—Big Bill Campbell's "Rocky Mountain Rhythm." 10.0—March of the Movies." 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down.

1944 CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

In connection with this year's Civil Service examinations announced in the *Irish Times* yesterday, it should be noted that regulations and conditions of service for junior executive officers, junior clerk, clerical officers, writing assistants and shorthand typists will be in Irish only.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 1, 1944.

The Italian Fronts

Ten days have passed since the Allies made their unexpected landing at Nettuno, deep in the rear of the German lines, and less than twenty miles from Rome. The progress—or lack of progress—of this movement has been a puzzle to the average reader of the newspapers. By all accounts, there appeared to be no opposition, or virtually no opposition, on the Germans' part, and it looked as if nothing could prevent the Allies from marching directly upon Rome, or, alternatively, from moving southwards and catching their enemy on the so-called "Gustav Line" between the upper and the nether millstone. In fact, they seem to have contented themselves with a penetration of little more than ten miles inland, and up to the present the new bridgeheads have had no manifest effect upon the course of the Italian campaign. It is wise, however, to remember that the ports of Nettuno and Anzio, where the Allied landings have taken, and still are taking, place, are tiny, and provide only the most meagre facilities for the disembarkation of men and material. Clearly General Alexander thought it wise to land as many troops as possible before he undertook any decisive advance. This "preliminary stage" now seems to be at an end; for it is reported by the German News Agency that an attack from the new bridgeheads began yesterday "in a northerly and north-easterly direction"—which is to say, roughly, in the direction of Rome. The attack has taken place "in full strength"; its prelude has been a powerful attack with tanks—for which the *terrain* is eminently suitable — by the Americans, and the Germans have withdrawn to a "new, shortened line south of the Alban mountains." Simultaneously, fighting has flared into new life along the other Italian fronts. The only sector where anything approximating to calm exists is in the centre of the line, where the Apennines rise to their peaks. Elsewhere—in the neighbourhood of Pescara, on the Adriatic coast; at Cassino, and on the west coast, where the Garigliano runs to the sea—new and violent assaults, met with fierce German resistance, are announced. Cassino, on the high road to Frosinone and Rome, has been for weeks the chief objective of the American Fifth Army. Its fall has seemed on many occasions to be merely a matter of hours, and the town itself is a ruin; but even yet it is "strongly held" by the German defenders, and remains the most formidable obstacle that the Allies have yet encountered. The next few days ought to make the general situation less obscure. If the Allied drive from the new bridgeheads is on a genuinely dangerous scale, Marshal Kesselring will be confronted with the necessity for a quick decision—whether to concentrate on the defence of the capital or to take the chance that his troops along the "Gustav Line" will be cut off. The signs are that the Allies intend to force his hand in one direction or the other.

One Step More

When the transport merger is complete, and all the trains, buses and motor lorries in the twenty-six counties have been absorbed into the monopoly, it may occur to those in charge of the scheme that one further step is necessary to secure perfection. They may attempt to absorb the men who build and operate the machines. If the 'bus drivers and conductors, the locomotive engineers and firemen, the porters, clerks, greasers and level-crossing attendants could be joined in one great "house union," the Government would have achieved something really historic. The fact that its achievement, from a Labour point of view, would have been reactionary rather than progressive is beside the point. If the deputies who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union chose to vote with Fianna Fail in Dail Eireann, the project could be made law, and, in return for that support, the Transport and General Workers' Union would be selected, no doubt, as the one great union with a monopoly of the country's transport workers. In support of such a scheme, it could be argued that the multiplicity of trades unions catering for transport workers has been a cause of strikes in the past. Commerce has suffered, and passengers have been put to a great deal of inconvenience through transport stoppages that might have been avoided if there were one wisely-led union instead of a number of unwisely-led organisations. On the other hand, the existence of a number of unions has had the result that trams were available when 'buses were not. If one great transport union should declare a strike, it would paralyse the country. Not only would passenger traffic be brought to a standstill, but the absence of private goods vehicles—which must be contemplated as part of the merger—would bring industry to a standstill, and would lead to want and starvation among city dwellers. Whatever the Government's intentions—if, indeed, it has any—may be in regard to the transport unions, the bill which is shortly to be introduced in Dail Eireann ought to provide for the prevention of strikes that would cause a cessation of all road and rail traffic.

Music at Oxford

Oxford University has decided upon the reconstitution of its Faculty of Music. It is hoped that this step will help to give music equal academic status with that of other studies, and will furnish the student of music with an opportunity to graduate in arts. In view of the fact that up to a generation ago degrees in music could be taken by external students without residence, the new arrangement merely carries the recognition of music as a university study to its self-evidently logical conclusion. It is pleasant to see any move towards increased honour for artistic pursuits encouraged by the oldest, and in some respects the most conservative, university in a country that is at present preoccupied, of necessity, by more material things. One has become so accustomed to the father of Victorian melodrama who invariably would turn down suitors for his daughter's hand if they were engaged in any unprosaic enterprise that it has become rather easy to regard musicians, authors and artists as though their avocations were effeminate and a shade ignoble. This attitude has gained some ground in spite of the free realisation that men devoted to these callings possibly have left the world more that deserves to be remembered than those attached to other enterprises. At Oxford University, henceforward, music will have—as it already has elsewhere—a status comparable with that now enjoyed by, natural science, history or law. Such recognition of the honour due to this major art is very welcome, coming, as it does, at a time when Britain is engaged in a most vital war. If emphasis is laid on things imperishable in time of war, it is at least reasonable to suppose that a similar sense of proportion and true values will persist when peace returns.

SIR ERNEST COOPER, who spent the week-end in Dublin, has left for Belfast.

Mrs. Dominic Browne arrived in Dublin yesterday from Castlebar, and is staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Mr. Shane Jameson has left Dublin.

Mr. Irving Berlin, who spent the week-end in Dublin, where he came to visit Count John McCormack, returned to Northern Ireland yesterday.

Dr. Dermot O'C. Donelan has returned to 27 Fitzwilliam square.

Meath Hunt Ball, Gresham Hotel, Friday, 11th February (the Eve of the Red Cross Chase). Dancing 10-3. Tickets, £1 each, on sale at Gresham Hotel.

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Miss P. Connolly, Waterford Lodge, The Curragh, at her wedding, wore a smart mist blue wool two-piece, by Marjorie Boland.

Miss K. Brown, Jamestown House, Navan, chose for her wedding a chic vermilion red wool frock, and her bridesmaid, Miss Gladys Spicer, wore a smart sea blue wool two-piece, by Marjorie Boland.

At her wedding Miss Burbridge, Maretimo Gardens, Blackrock, wore a lovely cerise wool two-piece, by Marjorie Boland.

Miss Spillane, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, chose for her wedding a smart pale blue trimmed navy wool two-piece, with dainty floral headdress to tone, by Marjorie Boland.

Miss Betty Keane, Gort, at her wedding, wore a charming mist blue wool two-piece, and her bridesmaid chose a navy and mist blue smart wool frock, by Marjorie Boland.

Marjorie Boland is now showing a new collection of coats, frocks, two-pieces and costumes at 86 Grafton street.

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HEDDLE NASH AT R.D.S.

Approximately twenty-three hundred people attended the recitals at the R.D.S., Ballsbridge, yesterday, given by Heddle Nash—a tribute to a singer who has left a lasting impression on music-lovers here by his performances on the operatic stage. In a programme that embraced about fifty songs, the most impressive feature was the dramatic intensity of his work. There is a grand richness in the voice, with wonderful control in all its tones, and he has a fine gift of phrase, as was shown in the Handel excerpts. The recit., "My Arms," and aria, "Sound An Alarm," were thrilling, but even more stirring was his rendering of the famous recit., "Deeper and Deeper Still," and aria, "Waft Her Angels."

At night, too, there was delightful singing in the testing aria, "Il Mio Tesoro," from "Don Giovanni." For sheer dramatic effect, nothing excelled the treatment of the two Wagnerian excerpts—"Tannhauser's Pilgrimage" and "Siegmund's Spring Song." In lighter mood he ran through the whole gamut from Purcell, with his whimsical "I Attempt From Love's Sickness to Fly," to modern songs by Delius, Elgar, Quilter, Parry and J. Moeran—every one of which had some distinctive charm. To old-timers it was heart-warming to hear Beethoven's song, "Adelaide"—one hears this lovely work so seldom.

The singer had inestimable support from his accompanist, Sidney Crook.

IRISH DENTISTS MEET

The annual general meeting of the Irish Dental Association was recently held in the Dental Hospital, when the President, Mr. A. W. Mooney, occupied the chair.

The officers elected for 1944 were: Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. Connolly; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Coleman; Hon. Secretary (Insurance Section), Mr. K. Harrington.

Mr. T. C. Coleman was unanimously elected President-elect for 1945. Dr. J. J. Ryan was inducted to the chair as President for 1944.

Members elected to Council were: Messrs. W. Brady, N. Clarke, B. Hayden, J. E. Hogan, A. W. Mooney, P. O'Brien, B. O'Donoghue, T. J. O'Looney, J. F. Owens, L. J. Smyth, E. Wright.

CRUISKEEN LAWN

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By Myles na gCopaleen

A FEW years ago there you may remember Joe ran up a tremendious big hoarding opposite the Pembroke U.D.C.'s fire brigade office at Ballsbridge. You know the thing I mean plasthered with all the cholera of the Rimbaud, heavily garnished with those urgent licensing sultanas—I beg pardon, how stupid of me—closing dates I meant—fully equipped with drums, pipes, turbines, accomplished girls (wonderfully good mixers every wan of them) and blind sleeveless nurses looking incredibly clean, sterilised and happy. And—just in case the merest flicker of a doubt might remain in the specked hater's mind—the complete message writ very very large in all the languages, including poor Father Dineen's Gaelic. Well, in any event, this massive, entirely emphatic, utterly synoptic, completely unambiguous façade apparently did not satisfy the boys. With them, you see, it is perfection or nothing. So one fine morning there recently nothing will do Misther O'Rahilly but on with the overalls, grabs small bucket of paint, little ox-hair brush, and out with him on the bicycle. Now the job is complete. This time its done right. Angry, very plain little notices have come out in a rash all over the polyglot front. The wording is simple but very nasty.

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See! Seven words but what shrillness, what recusancy, what temper! It is, I think, a gesture incomparably Irish. Good old Paddy, what a charming muddle-headed soul he is! He comes along with the old clay in the jaw, stops, scans the notice, shoves the stick down the right worsted stocking the better to grope in the tale of his clawhammer for the great green cambric handkerchief wherewith he mops himself. Instantly he smells a rat. These as. . . gnat. . . dust. . . duport. . . mint of soup lice His honest face stiffens. His stul small voice within gives him counsel. *Bethejapers and bedambut they are thrying to make a fool out of you, Paved. They are thrying to make out that this is the eclvapesteak,* He looks with disfavour at the elaborate camouflage. He recalls that he did not come down in the last shower. *Show thim townies, Poydjth.* Slouches eccentrically up to door, hammers with cordial fair-day violence on the expensive panels with the shillelagh. "The. . . top. . . of the morning. . to your honour. . . and fwat time. . . would his honour Misther Leedom be in at? Oi. . . here. . . oi have a little letther . . . here. . ."

If Paddy is considered incapable of inferring that a building that announces itself so vastly to be the Sweep building is, in fact, the Sweep building, a similar notice should be displayed in thousands of other places. Corporation of Dublin. (This is not the Department of Supplies.) Trinity College, Dublin. (This is not the Department of Supplies.) Bank of Ireland. (This is not the Department of Supplies). Clery and Co., Ltd. (This is not the Department of Supplies). Dolphin Hotel. (This is not the Department of Supplies). Cabinteely House. (This is not the Department of Supplies) Irish Times, Ltd. (This is not the Department of Supplies). Arthur Guinness, Son and Company, Limited. (This is not the Department of Supplies). Department of Supplies (This is not the Department of Su— oh, sorry!)

I'd say the same Department is rather hurt about the whole thing. I'll go bail they're getting ready a little plate for the door of that pleated building in Kildare St.

Department of Supplies. This is not the Hospitals Trust (1940) Ltd.

Not, of course, that that would stop this hypothetical Paddy from pushing his way in, foosthering for hours in his incredible pockets, finally producing some 1933 counterfoils, and asking had he won some sugar coupons or was his horse a non-starter.

(I am not the Aga Khan, by the way).

LEAP YEAR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—"Every schoolboy knows" that it was Julius Cæsar who, after studying the Egyptian calendar, introduced years of 365 days and 366 days, the latter occurring every fourth year, by using a bissextile day in February.

Most people, including the writer of your second editorial, have vague ideas about what Pope Gregory did, perhaps because the English historians of their history books regard his doings as foreign events. He left the Julian years of 365 days and of 366 days unaltered, but he made a rule that the century years which were not a multiple of four should be years of 365 days (as was the year 1900), and to put matters right he created one short year of only 355 days.

When, nearly 200 years later, the English Government acted they had to make one year of 354 days (eleven days short instead of ten), since the year 1700 had, for them, 366 days.—Yours, etc.,

E. K. EASON.
42 Sydney avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
January 31st, 1944.

OBITUARY

MR. F. C. D. JOYNT

The death has occurred of Mr. Francis C. D. Joynt, senior partner of the old-established firm of Dublin solicitors, Messrs. Joynt and Crawford, Foster place, and brother of the Rev. George A. Joynt, President, Methodist Church in Ireland. Aged 70 years of age, he was born in Dun Laoghaire, received his earlier education at the High School, Dublin, and qualified as a solicitor in 1900. He was for many years treasure to the Trustees of the Centenary Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Prominently associated with Rugby football in Ireland, he was secretary to the Lansdowne Football Club for many years and was a former president of the club. He was second son of the late Deputy Surgeon-General Christopher Joynt, Indian Medical Service.

MR. H. H. HUNTER, LL.D.

The death took place at Kampala, Uganda, on January 20th, of Mr. Henry Hamilton Hunter, C.B.E., LL.D. Son of the late William Adams Hunter, of Glenvar, Clontarf, he was 69 years of age, and was a Senior Moderator and Gold Medallist in History and Political Science at Dublin University. He became an Advocate of the Supreme Court of the Cape of Good Hope, and of the Eastern Districts of the Cape of Good Hope, and of the High Court of Uganda.

During the South African War, he served with the Rhodesia Regiment, winning the Queen's Medal and three clasps. In the last Great War, he served in East Africa, with the rank of Temporary Captain. He was a senior unofficial member of the Legislative Council of Uganda from 1921 to 1933, an unofficial member of the Kenya and Uganda Inter-Colonial Railway Council until 1934, and of the Kenya and Uganda Harbour Board from 1932 until 1934. His recreations were golf and sailing. In 1914 he married Izabel Langford Guilbride, and had one son.

DEATH

CONNOLLY—January 30, 1944, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, Louisa Connolly, of Waverest, Newcastle, Co. Down (late of Drogheda).

LONDON LETTER

50 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

A BILL to increase the maximum number of puisne judges from 20 to 32 is now before Parliament, and already there is speculation as to the new appointments. For once, in a way, Mr. Valentine Holmes is not "tipped." Mr. Holmes, a son of the late Lord Justice Holmes, and a son-in-law of the late Judge Murphy, has been first choice for every vacant judgeship of the last few years, but he still remains a pleader. As Junior Counsel to the Treasury, he has, by usage, a claim to slip straight on the Bench without taking silk, but he is still a young man, as lawyers go, for he was only called in 1913. In the Temple, he is said to enjoy one of the biggest junior practices that has ever been known at the English Bar, and is regarded as easily the foremost authority practising to-day on the law of libel.

Practices and Incomes

These are busy times for lawyers, as the congestion of work in the courts is very heavy, and a great number of the younger members of the Bar are otherwise engaged. But, although leaders and others with big practices are making very large nominal incomes, there is not much of it left after taxes have been paid. No lawyer, no matter how large his practice, has for himself at the end of a year more than a fraction of what was left to Edward Carson and Rufus Isaacs in the days when they were engaged on opposite sides in nearly every big case. Since 1919, net legal incomes have been on a steadily diminishing scale, and the Bar does not hold out the same glittering financial prizes that it used to. The judges say they are the worst off of all, in addition to being greatly overworked.

Censored Books

There are now over 1,600 books banned under the Censorship of Publications Act of 1929, and a 52-page pamphlet giving a complete list, with titles and authors arranged alphabetically, has been prepared for the use of the book trade here, to whom it should prove invaluable. This "Irish Index" is believed to be the only complete, up-to-date and alphabetical list of books prohibited in Eire.

Buried Welsh Town

The long lost charters of the ancient town of Kenfig, which lies buried under sand and sea three miles from Port Talbot, have just come to light. They were discovered when an old municipal safe, which was believed to be empty, was forced open. The story of Kenfig recalls the legend of the buried city of Bannow, in Wexford. The Welsh town was founded in 1147 by William Duke of Gloucester, and was a walled borough, surrounded by a palisade which the Northern colonists found extremely useful when the Welsh natives made one of their frequent raids on the town. Its wooden castle defied all attack, and in 1265 a stone keep 45 feet square and with walls eleven feet thick was built, of which vestiges brave the sand even to the present day. In the early fifteenth century the castle was besieged and sacked by Owen Glyndwr and never rebuilt, but the people continued to live in the town in spite of the continued approach of sand and sea. Typical entries in the town records of an early period read: "For hanging robber, 6d.; for rope, 2d.; for new gallows, 5d." In 1558 it was recorded that the castle was "all choked and devoured with sand," and in 1836 the town was finally disfranchised, although the last cottage had disappeared long before. Desolate dunes to-day hide the buried city of Kenfig.

DR. COLLIS BLAMES THE CAPITALISTS

The incidence of rickets in Eire had increased 2½ times since the emergency. In England it had been reduced by the same figure, and health there had improved despite the war, said Dr. R. Collis, speaking to the Rotary Club on Malnutrition yesterday. He stressed the need for dietetic surveys, such as those carried out by the Ministry of Food in Britain.

The milk supply to Dublin was both twice as expensive and twice as unclean as it should be, because it was the poor who relied most on milk, and because it was chiefly the babies of the poor who died of gastro-enteritis.

Dr. Collis said that the only reason he could see why they could not have a special housing loan at 2½ per cent. was the selfishness of the capitalists, who insisted on orthodox finance, and at the same time lent their money only to the Corporation at 5 per cent. or invested it in foreign securities.

He appealed for aid in the project of adding a pavilion to the Fairy Hill open-air hospital, provided

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Announcements in this Column (which in all cases must be authenticated) are charged at the rate of 1/- per line (minimum 3/-).

BIRTHS

FUNGE—January 25, 1944, at Stella Maris Nursing Home, Earlsfort terrace, to Eileen, wife of Thomas Funge, 17 Main street, Gorey, Co. Wexford, a son.

JOHNSON—January 30, 1944, at the Harcourt Nursing Home, to Harold C. and Doris R. L. (*nee* Bewley) Johnson, The Barn, Orwell road, Rathgar, a daughter (Susan Hazel).

NEWMAN—January 23, 1944, at the Leinster Nursing Home, to Marionne, wife of Victor Newman, Woodberry House, Greenfield Park, a daughter.

PIERSE—November 17, 1943, at Holles Street Hospital, to M'Ada, wife of Dermot J. Pierse, M.B., D.O.M.S., 46 Clarges street, Piccadilly, London, W.1, triplets (girls).

SHERLOCK—January 24, 1944, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Joan and Cecil Sherlock, Howth road, Raheny, a son (Stephen Cecil).

MARRIAGES

BUCHANAN and HAMILTON—December 30, 1943, in First Derry Presbyterian Church, Londonderry, by the Rev. J. Brewster, B.A.; John P., eldest son of D. R. Buchanan and the late Mrs. Buchanan, The Bawn, Aughnacloy, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Enneirdale, Fahan.

O'HARE and LOUGHREY—December 15, 1943, Iraq, by Reverend Dom Jowett, O.S.B. (with Nuptial Mass); Eoin, only son of Mr. Vincent O'Hare, 25 Isledon terrace, Blackrock, Dublin, and late Mrs. Lena O'Hare, to Maewa, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Loughrey, 39 Doncaster road, Scunthorpe, Lincs. (formerly of Donegal).

SILVER WEDDING.

CROUCHEN and WEIR—February 1st, 1919, at the Mariners' Church, Kingstown, by the Rev. Canon H. B. Kennedy, B.D., John Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crouchen, Hawthorne House, Mutford, Beccles, Suffolk, to Olive May, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weir. 84 Upper George's street, Kingstown. Present address—Wave Crest Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

BERRY and COGGINS—February 1st, 1894, at Trinity Church, Sunningdale, Berkshire, by the Rev. J. A. Cree, James Berry to Mary Ellen Coggins. Address at present—Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

DEATHS

BLEAKLY—January 31, 1944, at Newtownbutler road, Clones, John Andrew, son of the late Robert and Hannah Bleakly (Erne square). Deeply regretted by his sorrowing brother, George. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), 2.45 p.m., from Newtownbutler road.

BRISCOE—January 30, 1944, at his residence, Curristown House, Killucan, Algerron T. F. Briscoe. Funeral from Killucan Church to-morrow (Wednesday), February 2nd, at 3 o'clock (S.T.).

BURROUGHES—January 29, 1944, at Ardmore, Co. Waterford, Emily Barrington Burroughes, widow of H. R. Burroughes, of Burlingham Hall, Norfolk. Funeral to-day (Tuesday) from Cahir Church at 3 p.m.

CLARE—On Saturday, January 29, 1944, at Chantrey Oldenham road, Bushey, William Clare, fondly-loved husband of Isabel Clare, late of Cheltenham and Dublin.

COLBERT—January 30, 1944, at a Dublin hospital, John Hayes, dearly-loved younger son of Thomas and Elizabeth Colbert, 1 St. Laurence place, W., Dublin. "Abide with me." Funeral to Mount Jerome, following 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, to-day (Tuesday).

DUNCAN-CRAIG—January 27, 1944, at 3a Circus, Bath, Anna Mary Beverley Duncan-Craig, daughter of the late Rev. John Duncan-Craig. Funeral Service at St. Swithin's Church, Bath, 2.30 p.m., to-day (Tuesday), 1st February. Interment afterwards at Lansdown Cemetery. Australian papers please copy.

EDWARDS—January 31, 1944, Belgrano, Stillorgan, in Baggot Street Hospital, Grace, dearly-loved and devoted wife of Council Edwards, and adored mammy of Jeanne and Pauline. Funeral, 10.30, to-morrow (Wednesday), Dean's Grange.

FLEMING—January 29, 1944, at her residence, 9 Beechwood road, Ranelagh, Marcella (Stella), daughter of the late Henry C. Fleming, late of Howth road, Clontarf. Deeply regretted. Funeral private.

GLYNN—January 31, 1944, at Moone, Co. Kildare, Miss Mary Glynn, late of Osberstown, Naas, in her 84th year. R.I.P. Funeral to the burial ground, Moone, to-morrow (Wednesday), after 8.30 o'clock Mass.

GRIER—January 30, 1944, at Corroneery Lodge, Arva, Co. Cavan, Robert Hawkshaw Grier, aged 93 years. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), 1.30.

JONES (Rhyl)—January 24, 1944, late of Sandycove, Dublin, beloved wife of James Vernon Jones, late of Marine parade, Sandycove. Funeral took place on Thursday, 27th January.

JOYNT—January 29, 1944 (suddenly), at 89 Anglesea road, Dublin, Francis C. D. Joynt. Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome to-day (Tuesday) at 9.30 a.m.

KEATING—January 31, 1944, at his residence, 19 Casimir road, Michael F. Keating; deeply regretted by his wife and family. Remains will be removed to Church of the Holy Rosary, Harold's Cross, to-day (Tuesday), 6 p.m. Funeral tomorrow (Wednesday), after 10 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

KNOTT—January 30, 1944, at the residence of his son, Knott's Hotel, Mohill, Charles Knott, in his 84th year. "Rest in perfect peace." Funeral to-day (Tuesday) to Drumshanbo, leaving Mohill at 3 o'clock (S.T.).

MORRISON—January 31, 1944, at her home, Ballithire, Ferns, Rebecca, widow of Joseph Morrison, in her 87th year. Funeral leaving for Ballinclay, 3.30 p.m. (S.T.), to-morrow (Wednesday). "He giveth his beloved sleep."

O'GORMAN—January 31, 1944, at her residence, Castle street, Ballytragget, Co. Kilkenny, Mary T. O'Gorman, widow of Dr. W. F. O'Gorman, and mother of J. W. O'Gorman, M.P.S.I., Harcourt street, Dublin. Deeply regretted. Remains will be removed to St. Patrick's Church at 7 p.m. (O.T.) to-day (Tuesday). Funeral to Donaghmore at 2 p.m. (O.T.) to-morrow (Wednesday). R.I.P.

PARKER—January 31, 1944, at Market square, Wicklow, John Parker. Funeral leaving residence at 12.15 to-morrow (Wednesday) to Wicklow Churchyard. Australian papers please copy.

TIGHE—January 31, 1944, at her residence, Larkhill House Coolock, Catherine, widow of Kelly Thomas Tighe; to the inexpressible grief of her sons and daughters. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Tuesday) evening at 6 o'clock to St. Brendans, Coolock. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), after 10 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin.

IN MEMORIAM

ARMSTRONG—In memory of my dearest Aunt Georgie. Entered into Life February 1st, 1940. "Rather faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. ii, 10.—Gerald.

COLE—In loving memory of Frederick J. Cole, who died on January 1st, 1928. Always remembered.—Inserted by his widow and sons.

HEATLEY—In loving memory of dear Mrs. Heatley, who entered into Rest, 1st February, 1941.—Inserted by Mrs. Sackville.

LAIRD—In loving memory of our darling mother, whom God called Home 1st February, 1943. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

ROBINSON—Loving memories of George, died January 30, 1940, and Muriel, died January 31, 1935. (Isaiah 35, 10).

SMYLLIE—In memory of Robert Smyllie, of Belfast, sometime of Sligo, died February 1st, 1936.

SMYLLIE—Eighth Anniversary—In loving memory of my father, Robert Smyllie. Always remembered.—Gerrie.

TREVOR—In ever loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away on February 1st, 1941.

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MISCELLANEOUS

JAMES MACFARLAND (deceased).
MARGARET ELEANOR HENSON (formerly Macfarland, *nee* Shardlow) (deceased).
MARGARET FRANCES MACFARLAND (deceased).

WILL any person having information as to the whereabouts of any of the following persons please communicate with the undersigned:—

1. Any descendants of James Macfarland (formerly of Dublin and then of Guildford, in the County of Surrey, who was born in 1827 and who died at Derby on the 13th November, 1899) by his first wife, a Miss Robinson, whom he married probably in Ireland at some time prior to December, 1887.
2. Any brothers or sisters of the said James Macfarland or any descendants of such brothers or sisters. It is believed that in December, 1887, the following were alive:—
   (a) Brothers—John and Andrew Thomas.
   (b) Sisters—Lydia (married name unknown) and Mary Ann Lyms.
   (c) Nephews—James Macfarland and Samuel Graham Macfarland.
   (d) Niece—Maria Margaret Macfarland.

It is thought that the above-named nephews and niece were born in County Tyrone; that their mother's maiden name was Brady; and that both their parents died between 1868 and 1872.

HAROLD KING,
Clerk of the Somerset County Council.

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Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of Wicklow County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order authorising the temporary closing of

County Road No. 377, between the Cross Roads junction with the Main Sally Gap-Kilbride Road and the Cross Roads junction with the County Road leading from Ballysmutton to Ballinaspuggan for a period of two months, commencing on the 1st March, 1944, for the purpose of repairing Ballysmutton Bridge.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE—Via Kilbride, Old Court Roads No. 376, 372 and 377.

Any person interested may lodge with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, on or before the 15th February, 1944, an objection to the closing of the above road.

Signed: P. T. HEALY,
Wicklow County Manager.

County Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
29th January, 1944.

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